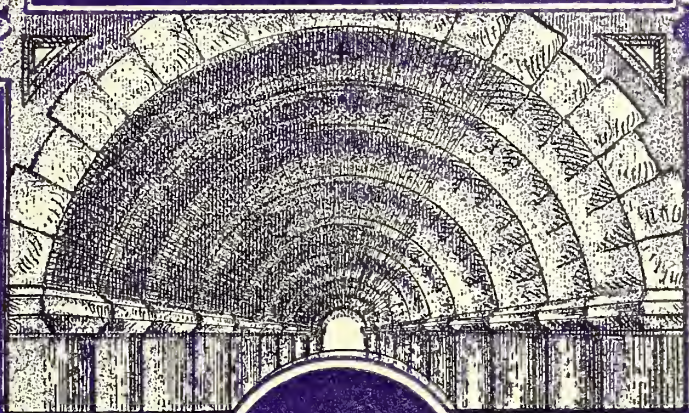
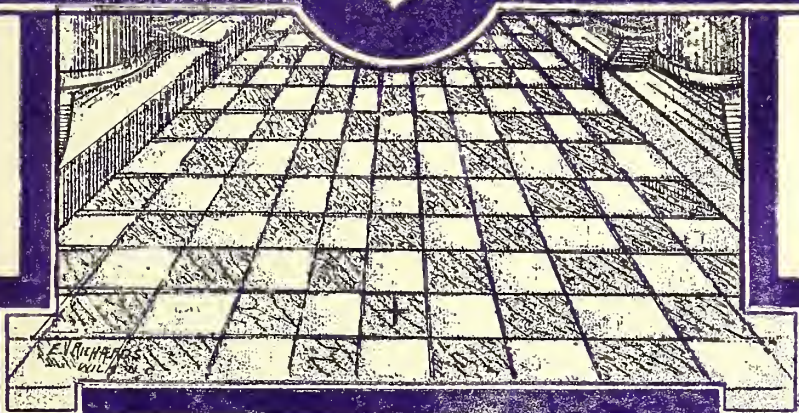


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Winston, 12th May, A. Dep. 2909



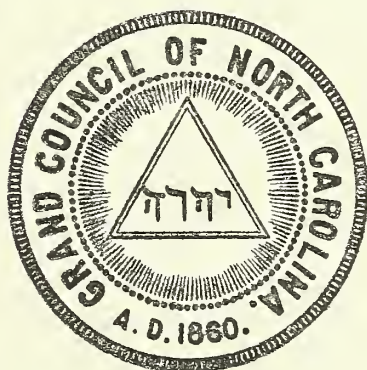


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HENRY G. SMALLBONES
M. I. GRAND MASTER
1908-1909

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WINSTON
Wednesday, 12th May, 1909



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NOMENCLATURE

CRYPTIC MASONRY—Royal Master, Select Master.

COLOR—Purple, which denotes Unity, being a due mixture of Blue and Scarlet, is to remind us to cultivate a spirit of union, that we may be cemented into one complete and harmonious society.

CALENDAR.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anna Depositionis (A. Dep.,) "In the Year of the Deposit."

DATE—Add 1,000 years to the common time; thus, 1909 and 1000—2909.

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winston, Wednesday, May 12th 1909, A. Dep. 2909.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented, the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Companions E. B. Neave, H. C. Butler and T. E. Allen as the Committee on Credentials, who reported the following named Companions present, and entitled to seats in this Grand Council, viz:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. Ill. H. G. Smallbones--Grand Master.
R. Ill. John E. Cameron--Deputy Grand Master.
R. Ill. L. A. Dodsworth---Grand Prin. Condectr. of the Work.
R. Ill. Martin S. Willard--Grand Treasurer.
R. Ill. James C. Munds---Grand Recorder.
Ill. J. T. Alderman-----Grand Captain of the Guard.
Ill. R. H. Pickett-----as Grand Counductor of the Council.
Ill. H. C. Butler-----Grand Steward.
Ill. Leon Cash-----as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

James Southgate, A. B. Andrews, Jr., E. B. Neave.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCILS.

Adoniram No. 2.

E. B. Neave, Deputy Illustrious Master.

Greensboro No. 3.

John W. Petty, Principal Conductor of the Work.

Munson No. 4.

Cuthbert Martin, Thrice Illustrious Master.

Enoch No. 5.

H. C. Butler, Deputy Illustrious Master.

Durham No. 7.

Thomas E. Allen, Deputy Illustrious Master.

Samuel W. Sparger, Principal Conductor of the Work.

Charlotte No. 8.

L. A. Dodsworth, Thrice Illustrious Master.

Ionic No. 9.

A. L. Parker, Proxy for Thrice Illustrious Master.

A. S. Guerard, Deputy Illustrious Master.

Henderson No. 10.

J. T. Alderman, Thrice Illustrious Master.

J. B. Owen, Deputy Illustrious Master.

J. L. Currin, Proxy for Principal Conductor of the Work.

Kinston No. 11.

J. E. Cameron, Proxy for Officers.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Alabama	-----	H. G. Smallbones.
Arkansas	-----	William Anderson.
Connecticut	-----	H. C. Butler.
Florida	-----	O. W. Spencer.
Georgia	-----	L. A. Dodsworth.
Indiana	-----	H. A. Murrill.
Iowa	-----	James C. Munds.
Louisiana	-----	James Southgate.
Maine	-----	A. B. Andrews, Jr.
Maryland	-----	J. T. Alderman.
Ohio	-----	W. S. Liddell.
South Carolina	-----	T. E. Allen.
Tennessee	-----	M. S. Willard.
Wisconsin	-----	E. B. Neave.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then read his address, which was received and referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

Companions of the Grand Council:

It gives me great pleasure to greet you, Companions, at this our thirty-third annual assembly, and to be the fortunate Companion to preside at the first Grand Council held in this magnificent Temple. We have great cause to be thankful: all of our Grand Officers have been spared, I hope, to many years of useful and profitable labor. We have made substantial gains in numbers and have two Councils working under Dispensation, with the prospect of one or two others in the near future.

I was in hope when I entered on my year of office that I would be able to visit all the Councils, but found this impracticable, on account of not being able to give the time necessary.

On October 12th, 1908, I wrote a personal letter to the Th. Ill. Masters of the several Councils, asking their cooperation to make this the banner year of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina; the way had been blazed by that indefatigable worker, P. Ill. Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., and the path made smooth by the removal of nearly all obstructions by my predecessor, P. Ill. Master, E. B. Neave, so that I have had a comparatively easy year. Interest in the Cryptic Degrees is increasing every year, but we must all work; every Royal Arch Mason should be induced to become a Royal and Select Master; the several Councils should perfect themselves in the Work, and as far as possible, equip themselves with the necessary paraphernalia. The degrees are instructive, impressive and beautiful, and the lessons taught will benefit each and every one.

NECROLOGY.

I have been officially notified of the following deaths in other Grand Jurisdictions: they have penetrated the Ninth Arch, and I trust have received their reward:

Most Ill. P. G. M., Carmi Dibble, Washington, January 28th, 1908.

Past Most Puissant G. M. I. C., James Shallcross Barber, Pennsylvania, April 15th, 1908.

R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master, William M. Ross, Washington, April 16th, 1908.

Past Ill. Grand Master, Martin Collins, Missouri, May 25th, 1908.

Past Ill. Grand Master, Pembroke R. Flitcraft, Missouri, June 17th, 1908.

Right Ill. Grand Recorder, Gilbert Wordsworth Barnard, Illinois, June 19th, 1908.

Past Ill. Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy, Michigan, July 16th, 1908.

Past Ill. Grand Master, Martin H. Rice, Indiana, August 8th, 1908.

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Chas. McDonald, Jr., Maryland, September 11th, 1908.

Past Most Ill. Grand Master, Jno. H. Irvine, Oregon, September 22nd, 1908.

Past Most Ill. Grand Master, James H. Cummins, Michigan, October 29th, 1908.

Past Most Ill. Grand Master, Herbert Church Shadbolt, Iowa, December 9th, 1908.

Past Most Ill. Grand Master, Henry A. Turton, Nebraska, December 10th, 1908.

DISPENSATIONS.

July 27th, 1908, I granted Dispensation to Durham Council No. 7 to elect and install officers at their next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

November 4th, 1908, I granted Dispensation to Kinston Council No. 11 to go as a body to Newbern, November 24th, for the purpose of conferring the several degrees on twenty-eight Royal Arch Masons. I had the pleasure to be present with Ill. Grand Recorder Munds at this meeting. Kinston Council No. 11 has the most complete paraphernalia in the State, and the work was well done. They had a sumptuous banquet, and it was a most enjoyable night.

November 24th, 1908, I granted Dispensation to Companions J. F. Rhem, T. I. M., R. D. Jones, D. I. M., and W. S. Simons, P. C. of the W., to form a Council in Newbern of Royal and Select Masters with authority to receive petitions and confer degrees.

January 5th, 1909, I granted Dispensation to Enoch Council No. 5 to elect officers, receive and vote on petitions January 7th, as they failed to have a quorum on the regular night.

January 28th, 1909, I granted Dispensation to Adoniram

Council No. 2 to receive petitions and confer the degrees on J. L. Randleman, January 29th, 1909.

April 9th, 1909, I gave Dispensation to J. H. Foote, Winston-Salem, to form a Council at that point, with authority to receive petitions and confer degrees.

March 19th, 1909, I granted Dispensation to Charlotte Council to resume work, they having been suspended for non-payment of dues.

In granting Dispensations to receive petitions and ballot on candidates at Special Assemblies, I have always made it a condition that full notice should be sent to every member of the Council.

VISITATION TO COUNCILS.

I find all the Grand Bodies urging visitation by the Grand Officers or special appointed delegates to the several Councils in their Jurisdiction. In New York State it is considered so important that they have embodied it in their Constitution, and Most Ill. Grand Master W. H. Andrews, in his address at Rochester, to those appointed to visit, states, first, "It is your duty to make the visitations assigned to you. 'The Mountain is not expected to come to Mahomet, but Mahomet must go to the mountain,'" and again, "The purposes of these visitations are defined. They are not directed as a means of affording pleasure to the visitor, though he will find that result is attained. They are devised for the benefit of the Councils themselves, and that they may be encouraged and cheered to persevere in the labors of the S. V."

Acting on the suggestion, I made the following appointments:

Enoch Council No. 5, visited January 27th, by Ill. Grand Recorder, James C. Munds.

Durham Council No. 7, visited January 28th, by Ill. Grand Recorder, James C. Munds.

Adoniram Council No. 2, visited January 29th, by Ill. Grand Recorder, James C. Munds.

Henderson Council No. 10, visited February 9th, by Ill. Grand Steward, H. C. Butler.

Munson Council No. 4, visited February 8th, by Right Ill. Deputy Grand Master, J. E. Cameron.

Greensboro Council No. 3, not visited.

Ionic Council No. 9, not visited.

Kinston Council No. 11, not visited.

On October 6th, 1908, I received a letter from Companion Jno. L. Judge, resigning his commission as our Grand Representative near New York, and on the recommendation of Most Ill. Grand Master Frank M. Adee, appointed Ill. Companion Alfred B. Conrad, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

On February 25th, 1909, I received a letter from Most Ill. Grand Master Chas. F. Smith, of Texas, asking for an exchange of Representatives, and I recommended Past Ill. Master A. J. Harriss, of Henderson Council No. 10, to represent them, and wrote asking him to nominate some Companion to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near Texas.

On a visit to Halifax of our Ill. Grand Recorder, he found the minute book of Roanoke Council No. 1, also the Charter, showing that it was organized in Halifax, February 13th, 1821. I am in hopes that during the coming year my successor will be able to revive this Council.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all my Companions in office for the kind support given me, especially Ill. Grand Recorder, J. C. Munds, who has been most active and courteous, and to whom I am indebted for being able to report that five Councils were visited this year. I must again emphasize the importance of these visitations. We have now eight Councils working under Charter and two under Dispensation—Winston and Newbern—and I trust that this Grand Council will grant Charters to these at this session.

Again thanking you for the honors conferred, I am,

Zealously yours,

H. G. SMALLBONES.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Credentials—Companions E. B. Neave, H. C. Butler, T. E. Allen.

On Doings of Grand Officers—Companions E. B. Neave, A. B. Andrews, Jr., W. S. Liddell.

On Finance—Companions A. B. Andrews, Jr., H. Sternberger, L. A. Dodsworth.

On Unfinished Business—Companions R. H. Pickett, J. T. Alderman, H. C. Butler.

On Charters and Dispensations—Companions Cuthbert Martin, S. W. Sparger, J. T. Alderman.

On Returns—Companions J. E. Cameron, R. H. Pickett, E. B. Neave.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer read his annual report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

May 12th, 1909.

To the Grand Council

R. & S. M. of N. C.

Companions:

I herewith present my report as Grand Treasurer for the year just closed.

Cash on hand May 1908-----	\$197.94	
Received from Grand Recorder-----	420.00	
Received from Interest-----	2.29	
		\$620.23
I have paid 16 Warrants amounting to-----	\$256.64	
Leaving Cash on hand-----	363.59	
		\$620.23

Fraternally Submitted,

M. S. WILLARD,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Companions: I herewith submit my Annual Report for the past year:

FINANCIAL.

I have received the following amounts:

1908.	
June 10.	Enoch Council No. 5, on account Dues-----\$ 15.00
	Greensboro Council No. 3, Dues----- 15.00
Nov. 25.	Newbern Council, U. D., Dispeusation----- 30.00
1909.	
Jan. 9.	Enoch Council, No. 5, ou account Dues----- 13.50

April	9.	Winston Council, U. D., Dispensation	30.00
	15.	Enoch Council No. 5, on account Dues	30.00
		Durham Council No. 7, Dues	25.00
	21.	Munson Council No. 4, on account Dues	42.50
	29.	Henderson Council No. 10, Dues	20.00
		Ionic Council No. 9, Dues	23.50
May	8.	Adoniram Council No. 2, Dues	42.00
	12.	Greensboro Council No. 3, Dues	15.00
		Charlotte Council No. 8, Dues	48.50
		Zabud Council U. D.	10.00
		Kinston Council	59.50
Total			\$420.00

I have drawn the following warrants on the Grand Treasurer:

1908.			
May	5.	No. 1. Jas. C. Munds, one year's salary	\$ 50.00
June	22.	No. 2. Jas. Southgate, Correspondence Rep.	15.00
Aug.	26.	No. 3. Jas. C. Munds, Distributing Proceed.	13.35
Sept.	2.	No. 4. H. E. Seeman, Printing Proceed	91.80
	7.	No. 5. H. W. Mordhurst, G. Gr. Coun. Dues	7.34
		No. 6. M. S. Willard, Exchange	.10
	17.	No. 7. Jackson & Bell Co., Binding	6.00
	25.	No. 8. Jas. C. Munds, Fees	5.00
		No. 9. -----	4.40
Nov.	27.	No. 10. Jackson & Bell Co., Printing	4.50
		No. 11. Wilmington Stamp Works, Printing	2.00
1909.			
Feb.	1.	No. 12. Jas. C. Munds, Inspection expenses	18.25
	11.	No. 13. H. C. Butler, Inspection expenses	2.20
	12.	No. 14. J. E. Cameron, Inspection expenses	6.75
April	6.	No. 15. Jas. C. Munds, Expenses to Winston and Charlotte	23.45
		No. 16. Review Job Office, Printing	1.50
	9.	No. 17. Jas. C. Munds, Fees	5.00
Total			\$256.64

Last year the membership was 367

The work of the year has been:

Charlotte Council re-instated	38	
Greeted	80	
Admitted	51	169
Demitted	47	
Died	9	
Suspended N. P. D.	5	61
A gain of		108
And a total membership of		475

OUR DEAD.

"How fast they fall those we have known,
As leaves from autumn branches
So quickly sear.
Yes, one by one, they drop away,
As withered leaves they fall and stray,
And disappear."

Munson Council No. 4—J. B. Hanks, A. J. Howell, J. W. Monroe.

Charlotte Council No. 8—C. H. Campbell, R. H. Jordan, J. H. Thore.

Fraternally Submitted,
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers beg to report that they congratulate the Grand Council upon the success of the past year and most highly commend the work of the Grand Master, both the zeal shown and the results achieved during the past year—the most prosperous in our history.

We recommend that so much as relates to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We heartily commend the visiting of the Subordinate Councils by the Grand Officers and recommend that they be continued to the end that each Council may be visited annually.

Fraternally Submitted,
E. B. NEAVE,
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
W. S. LIDDELL,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils made their report, as follows, which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

We have examined the Returns of Councils and find the following correct: Greensboro No. 3, Munson No. 4, Enoch No. 5, Durham No. 7, Ionic No. 9, Henderson No. 10, Kinston No. 11. The following failed to sign for Ritual: Adoniram No. 2, Charlotte No. 8, New Bern U. D. The following failed to make their Returns before May 1st, as required by the law: Adoniram No. 2, Greensboro No. 3, Charlotte No. 8, New Bern U. D., Zabud U. D.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. E. CAMERON,
R. H. PICKETT,
E. B. NEAVE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg to report, after considering all matters referred to them and recommend the following:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg to report, after considering all matters referred to them and recommend the following:

1. That a Charter be granted the Councils U. D., at New Bern and Winston.
2. That the action of the Grand Master in authorizing Charlotte Council No. 9 to resume work be approved and that their Charter be restored to them.

Fraternally Submitted,

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CUTHBERT MARTIN,
J. T. ALDERMAN,
S. W. SPARGER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts submitted their report, which was, on motion received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the books and

reports of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder and find them correct.

Fraternally Submitted,
L. A. DODSWORTH,
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
H. STERNBERGER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made their report which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that nothing appears on record requiring the attention of the Grand Council.

Fraternally Submitted,
R. H. PICKETT,
J. T. ALDERMAN,
H. C. BUTLER.

MOTION.

Py Companion Dodsworth:

Resolved, That at the next place of meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery, the Committee of Arrangements be requested to allot more time for the meeting of the Grand Council.

Adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was then gone into, and the following Companions were duly elected:

Henry G. Smallbones-----Most Illustrious Grand Master.
John E. Cameron-----Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Laurence A. Dodsworth----Grand Prin. Condt. of the Work.
Martin S. Willard-----Grand Treasurer.
James C. Munds-----Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master-elect then made the following appointments:

J. T. Alderman-----Grand Captain of the Guard.
 A. S. Guerard-----Grand Counductor of the Council.
 H. C. Butler-----Grand Steward.
 Robert H. Bradley-----Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION.

Companion A. B. Andrews, Jr., Past M. I. Grand Master, then installed the Grand Officers in ample form.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed to meet in the City of Salisbury, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1910.

HENRY G. SMALLBONES,

Grand Master.



ATTEST:

James E. Muncie

Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS
AND
PERMANENT MEMBERS

Returns of Councils for the Year Ending April 1st, 1909.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL No. 2—SALISBURY.

Time of Stated Assembly: First Tuesday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

William B. Smoot	Thrice Illustrious Master.
Edward B. Neave	Deputy Illustrious Master.
William W. Taylor	Principal Conductor of the Work.
Peter A. Frercks	Treasurer.
Robert G. Kizer	Recorder.
A. Lee Smoot	Captain of the Guard.
Nelson V. Taylor	Conductor of the Council.
Edward L. McClammy	Steward.
Francis M. Tarrh	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Albright, G. J.	Feamster, R. K.	McCubbins, J. F.
Anderson, G. R.	Fink, Jas. C.	Pratt, N. R.
Arey, C. C.	Grimes, T. W.	Palmer, F. L.
Bridgers, W. L.	Gemayel, A. J.	Reynolds, A. E.
Bost, N. A.	Gray, W. L.	Ross, T. L.
Banier, Wade	Heilig, J. D.	Richmond, J. H.
Bernhardt, P. H.	Hutchinson, W. D.	Robinson, Thos.
Bear, B. C.	Houston, W. H.	Robinson, W. E. G.
Beard, P. B.	Hendrix, J. M.	Randleman, J. L.
Byers, R. D.	Hendrix, E. E.	Rutledge, J. H.
Briggs, W. B.	Jerome, T. J.	Spencer, O. W.
Buchanon, M. L.	Kirchener, L. M.	Shuping, S. J.
Conghenour, W. C.	Kincaid, J. J.	Smithdeal, W. F.
Capps, Bismark	Koontz, E. W.	Sowers, J. C.
Cumming, C. R.	Kesler, J. W.	Summersett, T. W.
Caldwell, A. H.	Linn, P. D.	Strachan, W. B.
Conely, T. E.	Linn, T. C.	Taylor, W. S.
Cowzine, R. C.	Manney, A. C.	Turner, G. S.
Davis, J. M.	Monroe, J. M.	Wortham, B. S.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL No. 3—GREENSBORO.

Time of Stated Assembly: First Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

F. P. Marshall	Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. L. Myers	Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. W. Petty	Principal Conductor of the Work.
H. Sternberger	Treasurer.
J. C. Morriss	Recorder.
C. R. Lincoln	Captain of the Guard.
D. B. Nolan	Conductor of the Council.
J. H. Wynne	Steward.
W. R. Butler	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Curry, C. W.	Hudson, C. E.	Klein, J. A.
Eskridge, E. A.	Hollingsworth, W. G.	Mathews, H. E.
Foushee, J. G., Jr.	Klumeur, J. A.	Thornton, C. D.
Fowler, G. O.		

MUNSON COUNCIL No. 4—WILMINGTON.

Time of Stated Assembly: Second Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

Cuthbert Martin	Thrice Illustrious Master.
G. Leonard Allen	Deputy Illustrious Master.
Henry B. Bailey	Principal Conductor of the Work.
James C. Munds	Treasurer.
William A. Martin	Recorder.
W. O. Lockamy	Captain of the Guard.
William G. Sale	Conductor of the Council.
Burett H. Stephens	Steward.
John W. Stormfeltz	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Ashley, C. F.	Harper, C. T.	Pickett, R. H.
Baltzer, E. V.	Jackson, J. W.	Robinson, U. M.
Bear, J. R.	Johnson, T. H.	Smallbones, H. G.
Bourne, O. P.	Martin, E. S.	Solomon, S.
Brown, C. C.	Matthews, J. E.	Swayze, F. H.

Cantwell, J. L.	Meares, Iredell	Storm, W. E.
Crane, T. W.	Merritt, B. A.	Skinner, F. N.
Chadbourn, W. H.	Munds, J. T.	Scott, S. D.
David, A.	McEachin, J. S.	Toomer, E. O.
DeRosset, R. C.	McKoy, W. B.	Toomer, W. P.
Foster, D. R.	McMannus, T. S.	Toon, J. L.
French, W. A.	McMillan, W. D.	Turrentine, J. R., Jr.
Floyd, J. A.	McMillan, W. D., Jr.	Vineburg, C. P.
Grant, R. H.	Norden, Eric	Willard, M. S.
Hall, S. G.	Noble, M. C. S.	Weatherby, C. E.
Hall, J. M.	Orrell, T. R.	Williams, W. A.
Holden, H. K.	Perdew, W. E.	Williams, J. S.
Haynes, R. L.	Price, R. W.	

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5—RALEIGH.

Time of Stated Assembly: Tuesday after third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

John G. Allen-----	Thrice Illustrious Master.
Henry C. Butler-----	Deputy Illustrious Master.
William R. Smith-----	Principal Conductor of the Work.
Thomas W. Blake-----	Treasurer.
J. William Smith-----	Recorder.
Fred. F. Harding-----	Captain of the Guard.
A. F. Bowen-----	Conductor of the Council.
W. D. Terry-----	Steward.
Robert H. Bradley-----	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, J. H.	Gladmon, E.	Pearce, H. B.
Andrews, A. B., Jr.	Greason, H. B.	Phelps, A. W.
Andrews, W. J.	Green, O. D.	Rosengarten, A.
Allred, L. H.	Gowan, R. T.	Rosengarten, L. A.
Ayers, E. W.	Hamilton, D. S.	Russell, T. W.
Bahnson, C. F.	Harding, W. T.	Samuels, Louis
Ballance, J. R.	Harris, L. H.	Seligson, Ike
Bannister, H. O.	Hicks, W. J.	Spence, U. L.
Barbee, C. B.	Higham, J. V.	Spiers, J. A.
Barrow, W. B.	Hunnicutt, F. H.	Snuggs, C. P.
Braswell, J. C.	Kaplan, A. J.	Thompson, J. W.
Briggs, W. D.	King, J. H.	Towler, J. J.
Bowes, M.	Blueppelberg, C.	Waddell, J. B.

Burroughs, B. H.	Lacy, B. R.	Wait, S. D.
Clardy, C. C.	Moulton, H. V.	Watson, F. A.
Cuthrell, J. F.	Mullins, J. H.	Wetherell, W. P.
Drewry, John C.	McClelland, C. K.	Wilds, C. D.
Elliott, J. W.	McGinnis, E. C.	Will, John D.
Faison, W. E.	McNeill, H.	Withers, W. A.
Fraps, F. J.	Nichols, John	Wood, J. T.
Fields, W. H.	Noble, R. J.	Woodruff, C. A.
Fort, D. F., Jr.	Noble, R. P.	

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7—DURHAM.

Time of Stated Assembly: Third Thursday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

James J. Carden	Thrice Illustrious Master.
Thomas E. Allen	Deputy Illustrious Master.
Samuel W. Sparger	Principal Conductor of the Work.
Thomas E. Cheek	Treasurer.
James Southgate	Recorder.
Morris Bane	Captain of the Guard.
Charles E. Ferrell	Conductor of the Council.
James R. Day	Steward.
Rudolph Kueffner	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Banning, A. S.	Huckabee, J. G.	McCracken, J. T.
Beal, G. H.	Hutchins, J. W.	Oldham, L. C.
Burch, J. S.	Johnson, G. J.	Parrish, E. J.
Carr, G. A.	Johnson, N. M.	Piper, J. A.
Carr, J. S.	Kerr, J. T.	Reams, S. H.
Eaker, V. C.	Kramer, S.	Rose, J. I.
Fallon, W. M.	Law, A. R.	Smith, H. L.
Freeland, J. F.	Lindsey, R. L.	Strickler, W. J.
Grist, B. A.	Lindsey, W.	Thomas, C. C.
Holladay, W.	Lyon, G. L.	Watkins, M. L.
Holloway, W. S.	Mahler, J. H.	Yearby, W. M.
Honeycutt, R. A.		

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No. 8—CHARLOTTE.

Time of Stated Assembly: Second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month.

OFFICERS.

Laurence A. Dodsworth	Thrice Illustrious Master.
R. H. Ramsey	Deputy Illustrious Master.
George H. King	Principal Conductor of the Work.
Walter S. Liddell	Treasurer.
George A. Page	Recorder.
R. W. Smith	Captain of the Guard.
H. M. Day	Conductor of the Council.
William Anderson	Steward.
D. E. Allen	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Belk, J. M.	Goff, J.	McCausland, A. E.
Belk, W. M.	Hargis, H. W.	Robertson, J. F.
Blair, R. K.	Haas, J. W.	Ross, T. H.
Boyce, S. N.	Hilton, S. H.	Scott, J. M.
Franklin, T. S.	Misenheimer, J. F.	Summersett, W. B.
Griffith, Thomas	Murrill, H. A.	Sale, T. B.
Green, S. H.		

IONIC COUNCIL No. 9—ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Assembly: Third Thursday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alfred H. Stubbs	Thrice Illustrious Master.
A. S. Guerard	Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. J. Kincaid	Principal Conductor of the Work.
G. R. Calvert	Treasurer.
A. L. Parker	Recorder.
T. E. W. Brown	Captain of the Guard.
Y. Minakuchi	Conductor of the Council.
W. S. Radeker	Steward.
C. P. Ambler	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Brown, W. V.	Greene, W. B.	Osborne, R. E.
Bennett, A. M.	Gorman, J. A.	Randolph, W. F.

Buck, D. M.	Glenn, E. B.	Rector, J. B.
Burgin, C. S.	Hall, B. F.	Schartle, J. W.
Collins, D. K.	Hudson, H. A.	Shope, J. B.
Cobb, A. H.	Hudson, W. C.	Stringfield, T.
Cain, W. S.	Jacobs, F. L.	Sullivan, H. H.
Calvin, J. G.	Low, J. F.	Wagner, J. A.
Clark, W. P.	Meacham, W. D.	Wakefield, T. A.
Dunn, W. L.	Miller, C. H.	White, E. P.
Davidson, G. H.	Mims, J. A.	White, W. A.
Fagg, H. C.	Newell, D. W.	Wynne, L. F.

HENDERSON COUNCIL No. 10—HENDERSON.

Time of Stated Assembly: Second, fourth and fifth Tuesday nights in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. T. Alderman	Thrice Illustrious Master.
J. B. Owen	Deputy Illustrious Master.
R. H. Hood	Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. G. S. Davis	Treasurer.
F. E. Schroder	Recorder.
A. S. Pendleton	Captain of the Guard.
F. R. Harriss	Conductor of the Council.
D. W. Hardee	Steward.
J. W. Beck	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Bass, H. H.	Green, B. G.	Lowery, G. A.
Brown, P. H.	Harris, A. J.	Parker, W. C.
Chaffin, L. M.	Hanbold, B. M.	Stainback, L. D.
Cooper, D. Y., Jr.	Honeycutt, W. T. Jr.	Terrell, B. P.
Cooper, J. D.	Hunt, W. A.	Toepleman, F. C.
Currin, J. L.	Macon, W. A.	Tucker, J. H.
Corbitt, R. J.	McCoin, R. S.	Watson, R. W.
Gooch, L. R.	Moore, J. A.	

KINSTON COUNCIL No. 11—KINSTON.

Time of Stated Assembly: Third Friday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. L. Pridgen	Thrice Illustrious Master.
S. R. Dunn	Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. R. Rountree	Principal Conductor of the Work.
C. Felix Harvey	Treasurer.
W. S. Greer	Recorder.
J. D. Grady	Captain of the Guard.
L. G. Ferrell	Conductor of the Council.
J. L. Albertson	Steward.
H. C. Bailey	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Black, J. W.	Hill, R. L.	Oettinger, E. M.
Bridgeman, H. P.	Hill, A. C. L.	Pollock, Raymond
Cox, J. G.	Joyner, J. M. P.	Parrott, J. M.
Cummings, H. W.	Jobson, O. D.	Pool, C. H.
Cameron, J. E.	Jobson, R. S.	Pittman, C. J.
Dunn, R. B.	Kendrick, T. W.	Richardson, N. S.
Dunn, F. C.	Keene, J. L.	Taylor, B. R.
Dawson, J. G.	Lewis, E. B.	Waters, W. H.
Dawson, W. W.	McCoy, H. H.	Woodley, C. B.
Foard, E. R.	Mewborn, W. E.	West, Horace
George, L. R.	Moore, J. H.	Watson, R. P.
Heath, J. T.	Marquette, J. F.	Whichard, W. R.
Harvey, L.	Mitchell, W. A.	

NEW BERN COUNCIL No. 12—NEW BERN.

Time of Stated Assembly: Third Friday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. F. Rhem	Thrice Illustrious Master.
R. D. V. Jones	Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. S. Simmons	Principal Conductor of the Work.
T. A. Green	Treasurer.
H. W. Simpson	Recorder.
H. B. Smith	Captain of the Guard.
E. LeGallis	Conductor of the Council.

M. Suskin-----Steward.
 W. S. Gaskins-----Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Allen, M. H.	Dawson, J. R.	Primrose, R. S.
Ayers, F. W.	Hill, W. T.	Richardson, C. H.
Bangert, A. H.	Hurst, B. B.	Roberts, F. M.
Basnight, J. S.	Jones, C. D.	Roberts, W. C.
Bell, C. A.	Lovick, H. J.	Stewart, J. W.
Bernard, T. S.	Marks, O.	Taylor, L. J.
Brinson, L. L.	McIntosh, W. A.	Warren, J. E.
Brown, J. H.	Munger, C. W.	Wetherington, C. E.
Crawford, J. H.	Pendleton, G. B.	Wood, E. H.
Daniels, Thos.		

ZABUD COUNCIL No. 13—WINSTON-SALEM.

Time of Stated Assembly: First Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. H. Foote, Jr-----Thrice Illustrious Master.
 P. T. Wilson-----Deputy Illustrious Master.
 H. T. Bahnson-----Principal Conductor of the Work.
 J. D. Langenour-----Treasurer.
 Leon Cash-----Recorder.
 R. E. Johnson-----Captain of the Guard.
 P. A. Wilson-----Conductor of the Council.
 J. K. Norfleet-----Steward.
 F. L. Farrow-----Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Bailey, M. D.	Kearns, E. B.	Norfleet, G. S.
Bennett, J. M.	Mast, D. P.	Phillips, J. A.
Franlin, W. C.	Mays, T. V.	Schaum, F. G.
Jenkins, C. A.	Norfleet, C. M.	Simpson, J. T.

Permanent Members of the Grand Council of North Carolina.

PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS.

William J. Hicks, 1866, 1867-----Oxford.
 John Nichols, 1874, 1875-----Raleigh.
 James Southgate, 1894, 1895, 1896-----Durham.
 Walter S. Liddell, 1897, 1898, 1900, 1901-----Charlotte.
 Alex. B. Andrews, Jr., 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905-----Raleigh.
 Edward B. Neave, 1906, 1907-----Salisbury.

PAST DEPUTY ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS.

William F. Randolph, 1901-----Asheville.
 William Anderson, 1905-----Charlotte.

PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

Walter E. Storm, 1895-----Wilmington.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Adoniram No. 2-----Wm. B. Smoot.

Munson No. 4-----	W. A. Williams,	E. Norden,
	W. E. Storm,	R. H. Pickett.
Enoch No. 5-----	A. B. Andrews, Jr.,	J. H. Mullins,
	W. J. Hicks,	John Nichols.
Durham No. 7-----	James Southgate,	W. M. Fallon.
	J. H. Mahler,	
Charlotte No. 8-----	W. S. Liddell,	Geo. H. King,
	T. S. Franklin,	Wm. Anderson.
	Geo. A. Page,	
Ionic No. 9-----	W. F. Randolph,	A. H. Stubbs.
Henderson No. 10-----	A. J. Harris.	
Kinston No. 11-----	C. L. Pridgen.	

STATISTICAL TABLES

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Abstract of Returns of Subordinate Councils for Year Ending April 1, 1909.

Number	NAME OF COUNCIL	Returns Received	Membership Last Report	GAIN			LOSS			Present Membership	Stated Assemblies	Special Assemblies	Balance	Per Capita Tax on Membership	Fee for Greeting	Total	When Paid	Amount Paid	Balance Due
				Greeted	Admitted	Demitted	Died	Suspended N. P. D.											
2	Adoniram	May 6	58	9	—	—	—	1	66	1	1	2	—	\$33.00	\$9.00	\$42.00	May 8	\$42.00	—
3	Greensboro	May 12	13	5	1	—	—	—	19	8	—	—	—	10.00	5.00	15.00	May 12	15.00	—
4	Munson	Apl. 3	59	5	1	3	—	—	62	—	—	—	\$33.50	31.00	5.00	69.50	Apl. 21	42.50	27.00
5	Enoch	Apl. 15	79	6	—	8	—	3	74	—	—	—	28.50	37.00	6.00	71.50	{June 10 Jan. 9	{15.00 13.50	13.00
7	Durham	Apl. 15	41	4	—	2	—	—	43	3	1	—	—	21.50	4.00	25.50	{Apl. 15 Apl. 15	{30.00 25.50	—
8	Charlotte	May 12	38	—	—	4	6	—	28	—	—	—	34.50	14.00	—	48.50	May 12	48.50	—
9	Ionic	Apl. 29	45	1	—	—	—	1	45	—	1	—	—	22.50	1.00	23.50	Apl. 29	23.50	—
10	Henderson	Apl. 29	28	4	—	—	—	—	32	2	5	—	—	16.00	4.00	20.00	Apl. 29	20.00	—
11	Kinston	Apl. 27	44	36	—	33	—	—	47	4	2	—	—	23.50	36.00	59.50	Apl. 29	59.50	—
	Newbern	May 1	—	37	—	—	—	—	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Zabud	May 12	—	10	12	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	10.00	10.00	May 12	10.00	—
			405	80	51	47	9	5	475	—	—	—	\$96.50	\$208.50	\$80.00	\$385.00		\$345.00	\$40.00

Subordinate Councils Working Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina

COUNCIL	Number	DATE OF CHARTER	LOCATION	T. I. M.	RECORDER
Adoniram -----	2	-----, 1860	Salisbury -----	W. B. Smoot-----	R. G. Kizer.
Greensboro -----	3	-----	Greensboro -----	F. P. Marshall-----	J. C. Morris.
Munson -----	4	June 6, 1860	Wilmington -----	Cuthbert Martin-----	W. A. Martin.
Enoch -----	5	June 7, 1867	Raleigh -----	J. G. Allen-----	J. W. Smith.
Durham -----	7	June 2, 1881	Durham -----	J. J. Carden-----	James Southgate
Charlotte -----	8	May 17, 1895	Charlotte -----	L. A. Dodsworth-----	Geo. A. Page.
Ionic -----	9	May 12, 1897	Asheville -----	A. H. Stubbs-----	A. L. Parker.
Henderson -----	10	May 9, 1906	Henderson -----	J. T. Alderman-----	F. E. Schroder.
Kinston -----	11	May 15, 1907	Kinston -----	C. L. Pridgen-----	W. S. Greer.
New Bern-----	12	May 12, 1909	New Bern-----	J. F. Rhem-----	H. W. Simpson.
Zabud -----	13	May 12, 1909	Winston -----	J. H. Foote, Jr-----	Leon Cash.

Officers of the Grand Council of North Carolina from Organization, with Time and Place of Meeting.

TIME OF MEET'G.	PLACE OF MEET'G.	MOST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.	DEPUTY ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.	GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.	GRAND TREASURER.
June 6, 1860	Wilmington	Alex. Murdock	John F. Howlett	William Murdock	D. A. Davis.
June 5, 1866	Wilmington	W. J. Hicks	Luke Blackmer	C. A. Cilley	T. W. Brown.
June 6, 1867	Wilmington	W. J. Hicks	William Murdock	Thos. M. Gardner	T. W. Brown.
June 5, 1868	Wilmington	Thos. B. Carr	William Murdock	Thos. M. Gardner	T. W. Brown.
Dec. 2, 1869	Wilmington	Thos. B. Carr	William Murdock	C. M. VanOrsdell	T. W. Brown.
June 1, 1870	Wilmington	Thos. B. Carr	William Murdock	C. M. VanOrsdell	H. H. Munson.
June 7, 1871	Wilmington	H. H. Munson	William Murdock	D. W. Bain	A. Martin.
June 7, 1872	Wilmington	H. H. Munson	John Nichols	William Murdock	R. H. Bradley.
June 4, 1873	Wilmington	H. H. Munson	John Nichols	C. M. VanOrsdell	R. H. Bradley.
June 4, 1874	Wilmington	H. H. Munson	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett	John Nichols.
June 9, 1875	Raleigh	John Nichols	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett	John Nichols.
June 7, 1876	Charlotte	C. M. VanOrsdell	J. B. Neathery	S. E. Allen	John Nichols.
June 6, 1877	Newbern	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. H. Rountree	S. E. Allen	John Nichols.
June 6, 1878	Winston	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. E. Allen	A. S. Lee	John Nichols.
June 4, 1879	Durham	Sidney E. Allen	J. I. Macks	M. Grausman	Wm. Simpson.
June 3, 1881	Asheville	J. I. Macks	S. H. Smith	W. L. Wall	Wm. Simpson.
June 2, 1881	Wilmington	J. I. Macks	W. L. Wall	M. Grausman	Wm. Simpson.
May 31, 1882	Raleigh	J. I. Macks	W. L. Wall	B. Walker	G. W. Blount.
May 17, 1883	Raleigh	J. I. Macks	Jas. Southgate	W. Simpson	C. C. Taylor.
May 10, 1884	Durham	Jas. Southgate	W. Simpson	W. E. Storm	E. P. Bailey.
May 17, 1895	Durham	Jas. Southgate	W. Simpson	W. F. Liddell	E. P. Bailey.
May 14, 1896	Newbern	Jas. Southgate	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph	E. P. Bailey.
May 12, 1897	Wilmington	W. S. Liddell	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph	E. P. Bailey.
May 19, 1898	Raleigh	W. S. Liddell	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph	E. P. Bailey.
May 13, 1900	Charlotte	W. S. Liddell	W. F. Randolph	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	M. S. Willard.
June 14, 1901	Greensboro	W. S. Liddell	F. Ulrich	Wm. Anderson	M. S. Willard.
June 11, 1902	Winston	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	F. Ulrich	Wm. Anderson	M. S. Willard.
June 18, 1903	Wilmington	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	F. Ulrich	Wm. Anderson	M. S. Willard.
June 15, 1904	Raleigh	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	H. G. Smallbones	E. B. Neave	M. S. Willard.
June 7, 1905	Asheville	E. B. Neave	H. G. Smallbones	J. E. Cameron	M. S. Willard.
May 9, 1906	Charlotte	E. B. Neave	H. G. Smallbones	J. E. Cameron	M. S. Willard.
May 15, 1907	Greensboro	H. G. Smallbones	J. E. Cameron	L. A. Dodsworth	M. S. Willard.
May 12, 1908	Kinston	H. G. Smallbones	J. E. Cameron	L. A. Dodsworth	M. S. Willard.
May 11, 1909	Winston	H. G. Smallbones	J. E. Cameron	L. A. Dodsworth	M. S. Willard.

YEAR.	GRAND RECORDER.	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.	GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND SENTINEL.
1860	R. T. Hall	John L. Cole	H. W. Robinson	W. B. McMillan	E. Turlington
1865	T. B. Carr	Wm. Mirdock	E. F. Watson	P. N. Smith	E. Turlington
1867	H. H. Munson	John Nichols	T. B. Keogh	J. H. Separk	E. Turlington
1868	M. M. Katz	W. A. Smith	E. H. White	J. B. Nichols	E. Turlington
1870	M. M. Katz	W. A. Smith	John Nichols	Wm. Simpson	E. Turlington
1871	M. M. Katz	C. M. VanOrsdell	Wm. Simpson	A. Martin	E. Turlington
1872	M. M. Katz	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. A. Smith	Peter Adams	B. G. Bates
1873	M. M. Katz	S. S. Everett	J. M. Shelby	T. B. Carr	B. G. Bates
1874	D. W. Bain	J. M. Shelby	T. B. Carr	M. M. Katz	J. H. Separk
1875	D. W. Bain	T. J. Sloan	J. M. Shelly	W. Mirdock	C. C. Smith
1876	D. W. Bain	M. M. Katz	E. A. Wilson	W. Mirdock	R. H. Bradley
1877	D. W. Bain	James C. Munds	A. S. Lee	W. Mirdock	E. H. White
1878	D. W. Bain	James C. Munds	T. J. Sloan	J. I. Macks	J. D. Wilborn
1879	D. W. Bain	James C. Munds	H. H. Munson	J. M. Rosenbaum	E. H. White
1881	D. W. Bain	James C. Munds	D. P. Mast	R. H. Bradley	B. G. Bates
1882	D. W. Bain	James C. Munds	D. P. Mast	M. M. Katz	R. H. Bradley
1883	D. W. Bain	James C. Munds	J. M. Rosenbaum	M. Grausman	R. H. Bradley
1884	James C. Munds	D. G. Maxwell	W. A. Withers	W. N. Prather	R. H. Bradley
1885	James C. Munds	Geo. H. King	W. A. Withers	H. H. Munson	R. H. Bradley
1886	James C. Munds	R. B. DeVault	W. C. French	R. B. Lacy	R. H. Bradley
1887	James C. Munds	W. E. Storm	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson	R. H. Bradley
1888	James C. Munds	W. E. Storm	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson	R. H. Bradley
1889	James C. Munds	W. E. Storm	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson	R. H. Bradley
1890	James C. Munds	W. E. Storm	J. W. Thompson	E. O. Toomer	R. H. Bradley
1901	James C. Munds	F. Ulrich	Wm. Anderson	J. K. Norfleet	R. H. Bradley
1902	James C. Munds	E. B. Neave	E. O. Toomer	J. K. Norfleet	R. H. Bradley
1903	James C. Munds	E. B. Neave	E. O. Toomer	T. L. Farror	R. H. Bradley
1904	James C. Munds	E. B. Neave	W. M. Fallon	T. L. Farror	R. H. Bradley
1905	James C. Munds	H. G. Smallbones	L. A. Dodsworth	J. A. Mims	R. H. Bradley
1906	James C. Munds	L. A. Dodsworth	J. A. Mims	J. T. Alderman	R. H. Bradley
1907	James C. Munds	L. A. Dodsworth	C. P. Ambler	J. T. Alderman	R. H. Bradley
1908	James C. Munds	J. T. Alderman	C. P. Ambler	H. C. Butler	R. H. Bradley
1909	James C. Munds	J. T. Alderman	A. S. Guerard	H. C. Butler	R. H. Bradley

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Representatives of Grand Councils Near the Grand Council of North Carolina.

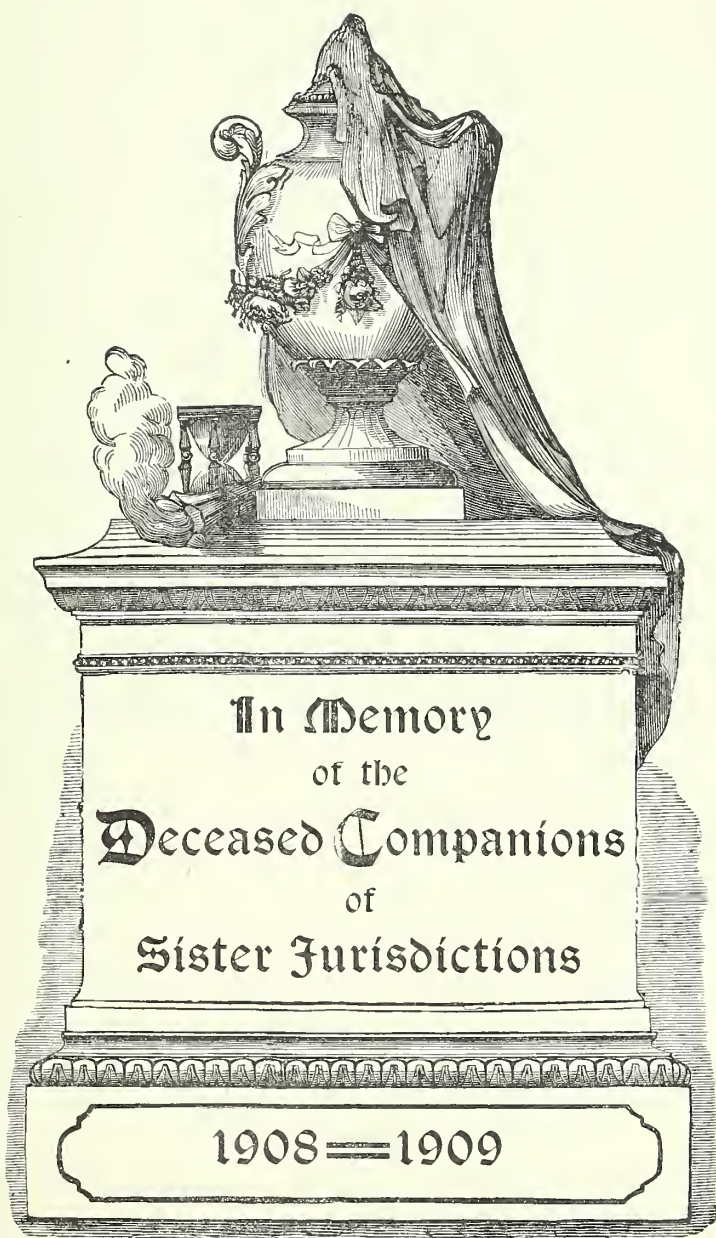
GRAND COUNCIL	REPRESENTATIVE	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION
Alabama -----	Henry G Smallbones_	Wilmington	Aug. 3, 1906
Arkansas -----	William Anderson_	Charlotte --	Aug. 28, 1906
California ----	William F. Randolph_	Asheville --	-----
Colorado -----	John C. Drewry_	Raleigh	-----
Connecticut ---	Henry C. Butler_	Raleigh ---	Aug. 28, 1906
Florida -----	O. W. Spencer_	Salisbury --	Aug. 13, 1906
Georgia -----	L. A. Dodsworth_	Charlotte --	Aug. 25, 1906
Illinois -----	John Nichols_	Raleigh	Aug. 8, 1906
Indiana -----	H. A. Murrill_	Charlotte --	Aug. 4, 1906
Ind. Territory_	B. R. Lacy_	Raleigh ---	Sept. 1, 1906
Iowa -----	James C. Munds_	Wilmington	Aug. 4, 1906
Kansas -----	-----	-----	-----
Kentucky -----	-----	-----	-----
Louisiana -----	James Southgate_	Durham	-----
Maine -----	A. B. Andrews, Jr_	Raleigh	-----
Maryland -----	J. T. Alderman_	Henderson	-----
Massachusetts --	John A. Mims_	Asheville --	July 31, 1906
Michigan -----	T. C. Linn_	Salisbury --	Aug. 10, 1906
Minnesota -----	-----	-----	-----
Mississippi -----	-----	-----	-----
Missouri -----	R. K. Blair_	Charlotte --	Aug. 6, 1906
Nebraska -----	W. B. Smoot_	Salisbury --	Aug. 4, 1906
New Hampshire --	A. L. Smoot_	Salisbury --	Aug. 8, 1906
New Jersey -----	-----	-----	-----
New York -----	E. S. Martin_	Wilmington	Aug. 4, 1906
Ohio -----	Walter S. Liddell_	Charlotte --	Aug. 6, 1906
Oregon -----	W. H. Chadbourne_	Wilmington	Aug. 8, 1906
Pennsylvania ---	C. L. Pridgen_	Kinston ---	Dec. 3, 1908
Rhode Island -----	-----	-----	-----
South Carolina --	T. E. Allen_	Durham ---	Aug. 4, 1906
Tennessee -----	Martin S. Willard_	Wilmington	Aug. 4, 1906
Texas -----	Andrew J. Harris_	Henderson	May, 8, 1909
Vermont -----	T. E. Cheek_	Durham	Aug. 8, 1906
Washington ---	T. S. Franklin_	Charlotte	-----
Wisconsin -----	E. B. Neave_	Salisbury --	Aug. 21, 1906

Representatives of the Grand Council of North Carolina to Other Grand Councils.

GRAND COUNCIL	REPRESENTATIVE	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION
Alabama -----	William H. Dingley----	Montgomery	Aug. 4, 1906
Arkansas -----	James R. Donnell----	Conway	Sept. 5, 1906
California -----	John F. Hughes-----	Los Angeles	Aug. 27, 1906
Colorado -----	Jethro C. Sanford----	Durango	Aug. 10, 1906
Connecticut ---	Reuben H. Tucker----	Ansonia	Aug. 10, 1906
Florida -----	Thomas W. Gary-----	Bartow	Aug. 15, 1906
Georgia -----	James M. Ruskin-----	Boston	Sept. 1, 1906
Illinois -----	John M. Pearson-----	Godfrey	Aug. 15, 1906
Indiana -----	Charles Balch-----	Terre Haute	Aug. 6, 1906
Ind. Territory--	Robert H. Henry-----	Ardmore	Sept. 26, 1906
Iowa -----	A. F. Cook-----	Burlington	Aug. 6, 1906
Kansas -----	-----	-----	-----
Kentucky -----	W. R. Johnston-----	Lebanon	Aug. 6, 1906
Louisiana -----	Geo. O. Elms-----	Lake Charles	Aug. 10, 1906
Maine -----	Chas. E. Meservey----	Rockland	Aug. 16, 1906
Maryland -----	J. James Fable-----	Cambridge	Oct. 19, 1906
Massachusetts --	J. B. Gardner-----	Roxbury	-----
Michigan -----	Traverse Phillips----	Hastings	Aug. 17, 1906
Minnesota -----	-----	-----	-----
Mississippi -----	-----	-----	-----
Missouri -----	Henry Schroeder-----	Campbell	Aug. 10, 1906
Nebraska -----	Chas. C. Cannon-----	Scuyler	Sept. 14, 1906
New Hampshire --	Albert R. Junkins-----	Portsmouth	Sept. 14, 1906
New Jersey -----	-----	-----	-----
New York -----	Alfred B. Conrad-----	Brooklyn	Oct. 20, 1908
Ohio -----	Wm. E. Banta-----	Springfield	Aug. 10, 1906
Oregon -----	W. G. Shellenberger---	Portland	Aug. 15, 1906
Pennsylvania ---	Frank J. Collins-----	Bradford	Aug. 10, 1906
Rhode Island -----	-----	-----	-----
South Carolina --	J. T. Barron-----	Columbia	Aug. 10, 1906
Tennessee -----	P. N. Matlock-----	Kenton	Aug. 6, 1906
Texas -----	W. A. Dallas-----	Eagle Lake	May 19, 1909
Vermont -----	Harley T. Seaver-----	Barton	Aug. 15, 1906
Washington ---	Frank P. Weymouth-----	Spokane	Dec. 9, 1907
Wisconsin -----	R. B. Lang-----	Racine	Aug. 15, 1906

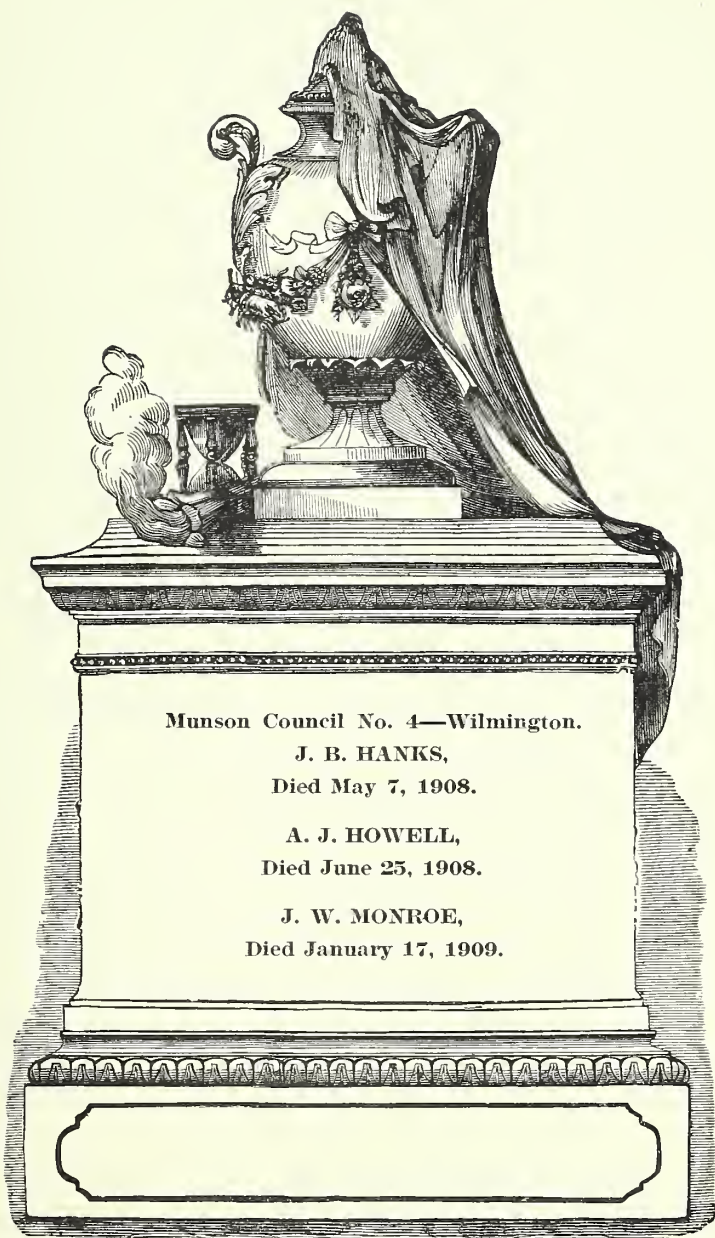
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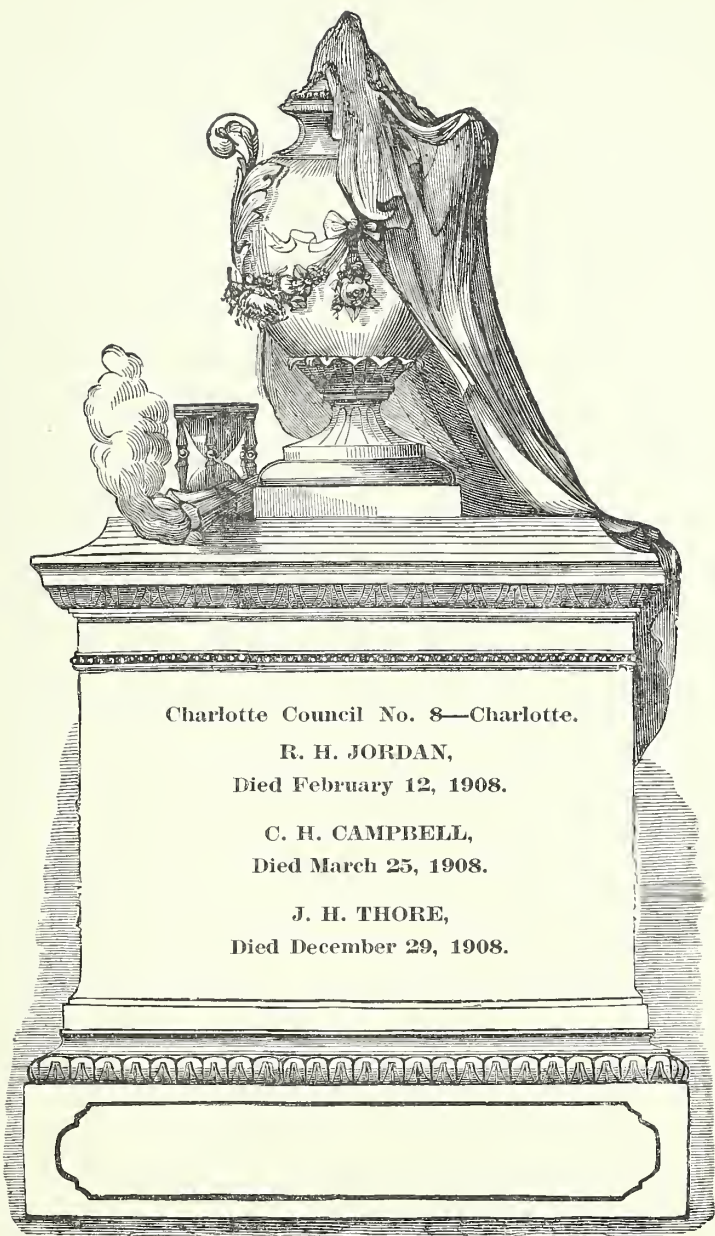
GRAND COUNCILS	GRAND RECORDERS	ADDRESS
Gen. Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	Thos. A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	S. J. Stanford	Barrie, Ontario.
Colorado	E. L. N. Foster	Denver.
Connecticut	Jas. McCormick	Hartford.
England and Wales	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
Florida	W. P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Geo. W. Warvelle	Chicago.
Indiana	C. W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Alf Wingate	Des Moines.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston.
Michigan	Chas A. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	John Fisher	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederick Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	Robert F. Stevenson	St. Louis.
Nebraska	F. E. White	Omaha.
New Brunswick	John A. Watson	St. John.
New Hampshire	F. D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Hiram E. Deets	Flemington.
New York	Charles T. Lunt	New York.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chillicothe.
Oregon	S. L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Frank W. Martenis	South Bethlehem.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Texas	John A. Bryan	Waco.
Vermont	H. H. Ross	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry	Milwaukee.



In Memory
of the
Deceased Companions
of
Sister Jurisdictions

1908—1909





APPENDIX.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

We herewith submit one more Report on Correspondence. Several of the proceedings have not yet been received and we fear they will not arrive in time, but if they do they will appear in the list at the close. We therefore begin as usual at

ALABAMA.

71ST ANNUAL. MONTGOMERY. NOVEMBER 30TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Conductor of Council were present, with five Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representatives of eighteen States (with Companion William H. Dingley representing North Carolina), and delegates from eight Subordinate Councils.

The address of the M. Ill. Grand Master, though brief, gives in succinct terms the work of the year, and he begins by saying that it is a great pity that so many Royal Arch Masons neglect the Council Degrees—a knowledge of them being essential to a thorough comprehension of the symbols of Ancient Craft Masonry. Are they not also necessary to a thorough understanding of matters pertaining to the Capitular Degrees? We think so. He issued Dispensations to several Councils to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time, and to one Council to elect and install officers. He is thankful that death had not taken any of the Grand Officers of the Grand Council. However, the Subordi-

nate Councils had been less fortunate. He gives a list of the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$250.82, and among the receipts as reported by the Grand Recorder we find cash receipts from Zabud Council No. 64 (defunct). Perhaps this Council is not dead, but sleeping. A telegram was received from the Grand Conductor of the Council stating that owing to serious illness in his family, he would not be able to attend the meeting, and on motion the sympathies of the Grand Council were extended to him. There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion Walter Smith, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion George A. Beauchamp, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

46TH ANNUAL. LITTLE ROCK. NOVEMBER 20TH, 1908.

The portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master Durand Whipple adorns the initial page of this pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Marshal were present, with seven Past Grand Masters, (no list of Grand Representatives given), and delegates from eleven Subordinate Councils.

The address of the M. Ill. Grand Master was a business document entirely and gives in a few words the transactions of his office during the year, which were not very great, and yet he seems to have been very faithful in attending to what was necessary to be done.

He is pleased to note that no members of the Grand Body had been taken away by death and still he mourns with others who are bereft in other Jurisdictions.

He issued a few Dispensations and one was to a committee to go to Newport for the purpose of reviving Hiram Council No. 18, defunct, with authority to communicate the Degrees to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons who are vouched for by the Companions of said defunct Council to make the number necessary to constitute a quorum in the Council when revived. A few Dispensations were granted to ballot on petitions out of the usual time, and to the Grand Lecturer to communicate the Degrees to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons selected by Giblem Council U. D., to secure for them a quorum if necessary. He is glad to announce that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Councils and he has not been asked for a single Decision. He has this well merited appreciation for the Grand Recorder, Fay Hempstead, which we give in full.

"A profound pleasure to me was an invitation to be present at the Coronation of R. W. Fay Hempstead, as Poet Laureate of Free Masonry that took place in Chicago at Medinah Temple on October 5th at eight o'clock.

"There is not a Mason in the State of Arkansas whose heart was not permeated with a feeling of pleasure at the great distinction conferred upon our most worthy brother. The brothers who have been instrumental in bringing about this coronation, honoring not only our distinguished brother but the Fraternity and the State in which he dwells, have endeared themselves to the Craft in ties that will never be forgotten; and we who know him best love him most, and know how eminently he is qualified to fill this high and exalted position. In him we have no fears; for we know that when the luster has faded from the eye, and the heart, that vibrated in unison with all things beautiful and sublime, shall be still and the pen with which he has brilliantly inscribed his name upon the pages of our literature, shall fall from his pulseless hand, that the mantle of distinction which the Masons of America have draped around him, will descend to his successor in office as having been honorably, modestly and worthily worn by him."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$345.03.

A beautiful episode occurred during the Session of the Grand Council:

"Right Illustrious Companion Fay Hempstead was, by direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, presented before the Altar and was greeted with the Cryptic Grand Honors, in recognition of his recent Coronation as Poet Laureate of Free Masonry. Companion Hempstead responded appropriately in recognition of the courtesy."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion Durand Whipple, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Fay Hempstead, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA.

48TH ANNUAL. SAN FRANCISCO. APRIL 20TH, 1908.

One of the best faces we have seen is on the initial page of this pamphlet, in the person of Companion C. W. Norton, M. Ill. Grand Master. He seems to be quite a young man, but from his address we think he is thoroughly competent to run the Grand Council of California.

All the Grand Officers are reported present, with twelve Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of thirteen States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from nine chartered Councils and one U. D.

The Grand Representatives present were called to the East and heartily welcomed by the Grand Master. Replies were made in fitting terms to the salutations of M. Ill. Companion Norton, attesting the growth and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite throughout the several Grand Jurisdictions.

The address of the Grand Master (4pp) is a condensed statement of his work for the year, and while he was not over-burdened with labors still he accomplished very much during his administration. He says in the outset that "we are not able at this time to congratulate ourselves upon any great accessions to our membership, nor upon many new Councils, but peace and harmony reign undisturbed throughout the Jurisdiction, and that prosperity in a mild way attends upon nearly all the Councils." No disputed questions of jurisprudence had been brought to his attention and throughout the State the best of feeling prevails. He reports the membership for the year at a net gain of one hundred and eighteen, and a total membership of two thousand one hundred and twenty-five. One new Council had been added to the list, Santa Barbara Council U. D., which is now claiming to be worthy and well qualified to receive a charter. He had determined to visit all the Councils during his administration but----- He says in the month of February he made the rounds to all the Councils in the southern Jurisdiction and gives an account of the visits he made to the various Councils, the good he accomplished and the pleasure he gave to those visited.

He issued several Dispensations for various purposes but we do not note any to rush candidates through out of time. He gives a list of the following M. Ill. Grand Masters who have died during the year, to-wit:

M. Ill. Companion John William Rock, who died April 10th, 1907; M. Ill. Companion Eduard Keil, who died October 13th, 1907.

Several Th. Ill. Masters names were called and thirty-nine members of Councils within the Grand Jurisdiction, and then he recounts the names of those in sister Jurisdictions.

The Grand Recorder gives a full and complete report of his work and shows in plain terms what he had accomplished during the year. He notes a gain of one hundred and eighteen in members, with a total membership of two thousand one hundred and twenty-five.

The Grand Recorder reports a balance of \$3,253.75. The Grand Lecturer gives a synopsis of visits made and reports that considerable progress has been made in Cryptic work and that the Councils generally are in good condition.

The Report on Correspondence (31pp) is the work of Companion J. B. Merritt, who has no introduction nor any conclusion, and we presume he was working to save exepense to the Grand Council; still the report is a good one and the body is all right, if it has neither head nor tail. North Carolina comes in for nearly one page of the report and still he gives in this small compass an itemized statement of all that was done that will be of interest to those who read the reports. We are glad to know the Companion is all right again. At one time he was very ill. He styles our report as short, sweet and to the point, and he cannot pick a quarrel with us or even throw a brick, and we are so glad.

Companion William Henry Gaynor, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Thomas Abraham Davies, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

14TH ANNUAL. DENVER. SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1908.

All the Grand Officers were present, with eight Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-one States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from twelve Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (5pp) is short and to the point. He says that the Death Angel had mercifully spared the lives of the official circle, though some familiar faces are missing from the Subordinate Councils, and from the sister Jurisdictions he gives a list of the distinguished dead.

One new Council was constituted and the officers installed. He visited one or two of the Councils, but he states that upon consultation with the Th. Ill. Masters and reports from others, no encouragement was offered to visit them officially. This shows a bad condition of affairs. It seems that whether in good condition or not a Council would be ready to extend hospitality to the Grand Master who wished to come to see them.

He had not been called upon to render any Decisions, and of the condition of the Craft he says:

"While in some of our Councils there is apathy and a lack of enthusiasm, we are pleased to report that, as a whole, the outlook is encouraging. While there has been no rapid increase in membership, yet there has been a steady and healthy growth. This is evidenced by the fact that we have made a net gain during the year of fifty-seven, making our present membership six hundred and forty-eight."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$670.49. The Grand Recorder says that the Recorders of the several Councils are to be thanked for the promptness of their returns, as well as for their correctness, and that the figures show a gain of fifty-seven, the total membership being six hundred and forty-eight. That only six Councils report any work, seven Councils show a gain and four a loss, and one remains stationary—and if Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster cannot get any more work than that out of the Subordinate Councils you may be sure they have dry times in their neighborhood. There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion George L. Sites, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

90TH ANNUAL. HARTFORD. MAY 13TH, 1908.

A well executed portrait of a fine looking man with a high forehead adorns the initial page.

All the Grand Officers were reported present, with eleven Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of thirteen States, (Companion Reuben H. Tucker representing North Carolina), and delegates from twenty-three Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master is a well written paper and contains much of interest. He says that the Grand Council of Connecticut is the oldest in the world, and that their membership excels all other Jurisdictions in proportion to the Royal Arch Masons therein, and for this fact they congratulate themselves, yet at the same time he thinks it should serve to incite a renewed zeal and a fuller determination to attain even greater results. The State has been more than usually afflicted by the visit of the Death Angel. He announces with sadness the deaths of Past M. P. Grand Master Joseph S. Stokes, who died June 29th, 1907; Past M. P. Grand Master William H. Parmlee, who died November 28th, 1907; Past M. P. Grand Master Dwight Waugh, who died February 20th, 1908. He also gives a list of the distinguished dead in other Jurisdictions.

He visited four Subordinate Councils during the year and much good resulted therefrom. No questions for his decision during the year. He respectfully recommends the appointment of a Committee on Ritual and having it revised from year to year. The Deputy Grand Master made a report of his work and he seems to have visited more than the Grand Master, in that he visited all the Councils assigned to him with the exception of one,

and he found them all in good condition, zealous in the work and he thinks that there is a bright future for Cryptic Masonry in Connecticut. The other Inspectors who had been appointed to visit also gave a good account of their work. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$1,095.63. The Grand Recorder's report shows an increase in membership of one hundred and thirty.

In the body of the pamphlet we note a picture which is familiar to this writer, to-wit: M. P. Grand Master John H. Barlow, who was born on November 7th, 1832, (this writer was born on July 26th, 1832), and died in 1908; we are still left on the shores of time, and with Companion Schultz of Maryland, are probably the oldest of the reporters within the bounds of the General Grand Council. Companion Barlow has been one of the most noted writers in our guild for very many years, and it is a sorrow, no doubt, to the entire corps to know that he has ended his labors and gone to his rest. Peace be to his ashes.

The Committee on Necrology gives suitable notice of the M. P. Grand Masters whose deaths were noticed in the beginning of this report.

We find that our much beloved Companion J. H. Barlow completed his report before his death, and it stands as a last memento of his work in this life. He reports it as his thirteenth annual report, which he trusts would not be an unlucky number, but it seems that he will never write his fourteenth. As is his usual custom, he presents the Independent Grand Councils, and after those he takes those in obedience to the General Grand Council, and among the latter we find he gives North Carolina for 1907 a whole page of fraternal notice. He gives all the items that were printed in our proceedings, and alludes

to his venerable friend, John H. Southgate, when he should have said simply James Southgate, and he calls our report an interesting one, though prepared under pain and weakness of body. We regret that we shall no more see a line from his pen, but we must all soon pass the same way and go to realize the unseen and give an account of the deeds done in the body.

Companion Stephen P. Goodsel, M. Ill. Grand Master.
Companion James McCormick, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

65TH ANNUAL. MACON. APRIL 28TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Marshall were present, with four Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-one States (Companion J. M. Rushing representing North Carolina), and delegates from twenty-two Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master gives in short order the deeds of his administration. In the outset of his report he gives some good advice about what a man should be. He thinks that Masonry is in itself a religion, a system of thought and conduct, binding man to God. We cannot concede this altogether, but we believe that while Masonry is a system of morals and directing the heart to God, yet we must, to have true and undefiled religion, believe in the revealed will of God through Jesus Christ. There is no other name given among men whereby we can be saved.

He alludes tenderly to the dead who have passed away during the year, but mentions none that were taken from the circle of the Grand Council, and devoted most of the page to the dead in other Jurisdictions, and still he finds

that the Past Deputy Grand Master, Companion G. L. Johnson died during the year, and he refers this to the Committee on Memorials.

A few Dispensations were granted to assist the Councils in furthering their work. Two new Councils were constituted, one at Wrightsville and one at Royston, and the officers installed by proxy. One charter was restored which had been arrested for a failure to pay its obligations to the Grand Council. He appointed Grand Lecturers for the various Masonic Districts of the State who performed their duties and give reports of good condition in the Craft, and he states that harmony prevails over the Grand Jurisdiction. No complaints had been made, no questions had been submitted, which indicates that everything was harmonious. The Committee on finances reports a balance of \$333.40. No Report on Correspondence.

Companion J. C. Postell, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion W. A. Wolihin, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

56TH ANNUAL. CANTON. SEPT. 9TH, 1908.

A well executed portrait of the M. Ill. Grand Master, C. D. Clarkson, adorns the initial page of this very neat pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Treasurer were present, with thirteen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty States, (Companion John M. Pearson representing North Carolina), and delegates from twenty-seven chartered Councils and one U. D.

The Grand Master's address (12pp) is one of the best we have seen. It is compact, well arranged and states

in clear terms the work of the year, which was no little in this flourishing Cryptic Jurisdiction. At the opening of the address he announces with sorrow the death of what he styles one of the brightest stars in our Masonic constellation, our beloved and honored Grand Recorder, Gil. W. Barnard. He was popular in all the Orders, and particularly useful in Cryptic Masonry for a number of years in the State of Illinois, and will be greatly missed as one of the best and dearest of all who worked in the Cryptic vaults. He gives notice of the death of Past Deputy Grand Master Luther D. Romberger, who was buried with Masonic honors. The sister Jurisdictions come in for due notice of their distinguished dead.

Early in his administration he divided the State into nine Arches, appointed superintendents and assistants for the same. He is pleased to say that peace and harmony prevailed in every part of the State during the year and results show that they are making steady advancement. He states that the report of the Grand Recorder shows an increase in members of seven hundred and twenty-five and the Grand Treasurer a balance of \$469.50, surpassing all records in the history of the Grand Jurisdiction.

One new Council had been formed U. D., and other Dispensations for good cause shown have been issued for facilitating work in the Councils. He appointed M. Ill. Companion George W. Warvelle, Grand Recorder, in place of the lamented Gil. W. Barnard. The mantle of Barnard could not have fallen on more worthy shoulders.

There were eight so-called "dead" Councils referred to in last year's proceedings, and this Grand Master intended to take the matter up with them by correspondence, but for several reasons it seems he had not been able to accomplish the desires of all who hoped that the Councils could be started to work again. He visited several

of the Councils during the year. He attempted to revive one or two that had become dormant and to encourage others to do more, and from the visits that he made it is evident that he accomplished a vast amount of good. Twenty-two in all received his assistance, and besides these he made several official visits and traveled over two thousand seven hundred miles, assisted in conferring the Cryptic Degrees on two hundred and four candidates, and the expense to the Grand Council for this somewhat strenuous campaign was \$87.21. This is the best investment made by any Grand Council for centuries past.

Only one Decision was called for and that of local interest. He makes several recommendations as Grand Master and we suppose that only a few of them will be carried out. He recommends that charters of two Councils be taken up. He has closed a most remarkable administration and we doubt not that his Companions of the Grand Council are proud of the work he has accomplished.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$6,010.02, and we note that our old friend J. Corson Smith is that Grand Treasurer. He is everywhere good can be accomplished. A wonderful man is that J. Corson.

The Grand Recorder, Companion Warvelle, gives another good report and he gives the gain for the year as seven hundred and twenty-five, and a total membership of five thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight.

The Committee on Obituaries gives a very complete report of the distinguished dead of the various States.

The Report on Correspondence (36pp) is an able review of twenty-nine States by Companion George W. Warvelle, who has now become Grand Recorder of Illinois. He has what he calls the Superannuated

Degree, which he gives in an essay at the close of his report, and he thinks that the Grand Masters are devoting much space to it in their annual addresses in all the Jurisdictions. And then he branches off into the Super-Excellent Degree, which he said is "making Masons at sight, a relic of by-gone ages, but in a few Jurisdictions this fad is still practiced by the Grand Masters." If we are not mistaken that was enacted in Illinois this year on the person of President Taft, and he was a pretty large subject and the offense was thereby the greater. One of our Grand Masters some years ago made Governor Holden a Mason at sight and it created such an uproar that he came very near being unfrocked and broken of his office. We doubt if it will ever be attempted in this Jurisdiction again.

We thank the Companion for his short notice of a finger's length for North Carolina. He says that our State is still suffering from its old ailment, but continues to show improvement. We do not know what ailment he refers to unless it means the general state of "no account" and gradual dissolution, and still in view of all this gloom he says he looks for better things in the future. He blames our Grand Recorder Munds for his not giving our State more of the review and says that it is hard to make bricks without straw, and we think it is hard to make them out of straw.

Companion Chester D. Clarkson, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion George W. Warvelle, Ill. Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

53RD ANNUAL. INDIANAPOLIS. OCT. 20TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Sentinel were present, with seventeen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-two States (Companion Charles

Balch, representing North Carolina), and delegates from fifty-nine of the sixty-three Chartered Councils. A good attendance.

The address of the Grand Master is well written and easy to read, being in clear, bold type, and gives all the information necessary to tell us what the Cryptic Rite is doing in Indiana. He notes the death of one of the Past Grand Officers, Commander Martin H. Rice, well known by every Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction as a leader in all Masonic Bodies and a Companion of the widest knowledge as a jurist, and after that report was prepared he was advised by the Grand Recorder that Companion Albert Hayward, Past Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, had died on the 5th of October. This illustrious Companion had served the Grand Council with great ability and was well and favorably known by the oldest Companions of the Grand Jurisdiction. The distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions were given due notice and referred to the Committee on Necrology.

Several special Dispensations were issued for various purposes. He constituted in person a Council at South Bend and installed the officers. This Council it seems had a distinction that they had greeted a larger number of Companions than any U. D. Council in the history of Cryptic Masonry in Indiana.

Of the condition of affairs in Indiana he says:

"I am pleased to report a healthy growth in our Grand Jurisdiction, with a net gain in our membership of five hundred and one for the year, giving us a total membership of fifty-four hundred and fifty-six. The largest net gain in any one year since the organization of this Grand Council. This fact is very pleasing, indeed, and while we congratulate ourselves upon this magnificent showing of numerical strength, let us not lose sight of the splendid character of the membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, ranking in numbers, as we do,

among the largest constituencies of the General Grand Council. The personnel of our membership is not surpassed by any."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$4,011.91, and the Grand Recorder reports the work of the year as follows:

"Work for the year greeted six hundred and eighty-five; re-instated two; affiliated sixty-three; died one hundred and three; dimitted ninety-six; suspended for non-payment of dues forty-nine; suspended for other cause one; expelled none. Total number of members five thousand four hundred and fifty-six. Net increase in membership five hundred and one."

Much of the business transacted was of local character.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called and the Grand Master delivered an address of welcome and replies were made to his pleasing remarks, indicating that peace and harmony prevail and that progress is being made throughout the Cryptic world.

A well executed portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master Charles N. Mikels adorns the initial page of this very neat pamphlet. He makes a good picture, if his hair is parted in the middle.

The Report on Correspondence (51pp) is presented by Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, who is one of the oldest and most experienced of the reportorial guild. He reviewed the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, and among these we find North Carolina for 1907-08. He styles the address of our Grand Master Neave as a very interesting one. He gives our conclusion and that is the only notice he makes of our report. In 1908 he calls attention to the remarks we made concerning the Grand Master of Indiana, and also of the error we made in styling him Past Th. Ill. Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, and shows where we missed a cog. The Companion, we know,

will pardon us for this error in which we find ourselves. He must excuse us for taking him for the Grand Master we met at Boston whom we thought was an Indiana man, and had the name Mordhurst. We find that we are in error and we will take off our hat and bow as low as we can get, considering our corporosity.

Companion Charles N. Mikels, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Calvin W. Prather, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

NORTH McALESTER, OKLAHOMA.

14TH ANNUAL.

APRIL 22ND, 1908.

The portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master Robert Y. Morrison adorns the initial page of this neat pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers except the Deputy Grand Master, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council and Marshall were present, with six Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twelve States (Companion Robert H. Henry representing North Carolina), and delegates from nine Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (5pp) is a brief synopsis of his transactions as Grand Master. He states in the beginning that his own circle remains unbroken, and then gives a list of the distinguished dead in other Jurisdictions. Two new Councils were constituted and the officers installed. He was ably assisted by some members of the Grand Council.

Several Dispensations were granted to Councils to give Degrees out of time. He had to report that the growth of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction had not been encouraging. No new Councils had been formed during

the year. Not a single question had been submitted for his decision and no complaints had been made. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, making the duties of the Grand Master pleasant and easy.

He calls attention to the birth of a new Grand Council—Texas—which he says has been doing the Rip Van Winkle act, but she has rubbed her eyes, put on her apron and gone to housekeeping for herself. He welcomes her back to the family circle and pledges to do all in their power to make her pathway peaceful and healthy. He recommends that the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory be changed to read the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma.

The Grand Recorder says that the labors of the past year have not been heavy but busier days are ahead. He is optimistic in regard to Cryptic Masonry in his Jurisdiction, and he thinks that the financial statement shows that they are not very rich.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$379.77.

The Report on Correspondence is a little out of the usual order. After a sketch concerning the organization of the Grand Council he gives the quotation in full from Companion Warvelle's report of Illinois, of the German Tradition and French Tradition of the Cryptic Degree. We do not see that any notice is given to North Carolina.

Companion Robert H. Henry, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Joseph S. Murrow, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

9TH ANNUAL. WATERLOO. OCTOBER 6TH, 1908.

A very fine portrait greets us on the initial page of this very neat pamphlet, in the person of Companion A. S. Lawrence, Grand Master.

All the Grand Officers, except the Chaplain and Sentinel were present, with six Past Grand Masters. Grand Representatives of nineteen States (North Carolina missing), and delegates of twelve Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (9pp) gives a very clear idea of the work for the year. He has some eloquent remarks in the introduction about the beautiful city and great advantages of Waterloo. He rejoices that the official ranks remain unbroken, yet as he looks around the circle of the Cherubim he misses familiar forms and faces and the sound of working tools within the arches has ceased, and the low twelve bell has sounded, and they have been called upon to assemble and follow to their last resting places fourteen of their beloved Companions who were wont to gather around the altars in the Subordinate Councils. He also gives a list of the distinguished dead in other Jurisdictions

He seems to have had the same experience that a great many other Grand Officers do who are determined in the beginning to make a circuit of the Subordinate Councils, but he failed as others do. He seems to oppose the custom of Grand Officers being feted and dined when visiting the Councils and he thinks that on this account very many are opposed to visits from the Grand Officers, thinking that more will be expected of them than they can give. He however, visited three officially and assisted in the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

Very few requests for Dispensations had been asked for during the year and no Decisions were called for. He regrets to have to report a loss in their total membership, which he thinks is largely attributable to the surrender of charters of weak Councils, and that item alone shows a loss of seventy-six members. The death loss

had been considerable and fourteen Companions had passed away during the year.

He thinks that too many Orders are in the small cities and so many of them cannot be supported and some must lose caste and it is generally the Councils that suffer the most. He rather thinks it would be the part of wisdom for the Grand Body to exercise greater caution in the issuance of Dispensations and charters for the formation of new Councils.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$685.97.

Companion W. F. Cleveland of the Committee on Correspondence submitted a report in regard to the Grand Council of Texas and he recommended that a Grand Representative be interchanged and fraternal recognition be made.

The Report on Correspondence (42pp) is submitted by Companion W. F. Cleveland, Past Grand Master, and whenever you see his name to a report you may be assured that it is first class in every particular. He reviews in his usual able and bright manner the proceedings of thirty-two States, and among these we find North Carolina for 1907-08. He says that the report of our Grand Master Neave at Greensboro was well written. He combats Companion Neave's ideas of the Commandery making the Cryptic Degrees a prerequisite to Degrees in the Temple. He alludes to the Report on Correspondence and refers to our meeting in Boston in 1906, and feels that he can appreciate more the writing of those he had met and whose hands he had grasped. We enjoyed meeting the Companion at Boston and hope we may meet at Savannah. He also gives us kindly notice for 1908. He says our report added to the interest of the printed proceedings. We thank the Companion for his kindly

notice of our work. We have enjoyed the report no little and hope he may remain many years as a valued member of our guild.

Companion F. N. Fowler, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Alfred Wingate, Ill Grand Recorder

KANSAS.

40TH ANNUAL. , TOPEKA. FEBY. 17TH, 1908.

A fine portrait of the M. Ill. Grand Master, Companion Alexander A. Sharp, adorns the initial page of this neat pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers except the Steward and Sentinel were present, (the Steward was absent on account of illness in his family) with thirteen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-four States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from ten Subordinate Councils.

A distinguished visitor in the person of M. Ill. Edward W. Wellington, General Grand Captain of the Guard of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, was announced to be in waiting and he was introduced and received with Grand Honors, to which he made a brief response. The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were also introduced by the Grand Master and received with the Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand Master (2pp) though short gives a synopsis of much that was done. He appointed a Special Deputy to constitute Lawrence Council No. 14, which he did with the usual promptness, installing the officers and putting the Council to work. Some other Dispensations were issued to facilitate the work in Coun-

cils. A Dispensation was issued to start a new Council U. D., at Kansas City to be known as Wyandotte Council. He announced the Annual Returns had been received within time except one, which was not received by the Grand Recorder until three days before this Annual Assembly. He states that for several years this Council has been the last to report, and he would recommend that some penalty be imposed upon a Council which fails to submit its return by February 1st.

The Deputy Grand Master made his report in which he states that nothing of an official character had been done by him during the year.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$1,073.04. The Grand Recorder says that the work of the year presents some encouraging features. Six of the Chartered Councils report work, the net increase in enrollment being fifty-six.

The Report on Correspondence (31pp) is from the able pen of Companion William M. Shaver, who in all the fields of Masonic endeavor has been a bright star for lo! these many years. He has been of great aid to the Craft in Kansas, and we are pained to note he gives a final word in his conclusion stating that this is his last report on Cryptic Correspondence, for he thinks he will not be in position at the end of the year to undertake the work again. This will be a decided loss to the reportorial corps, and if he gives up the work in the Council we sincerely hope that he will continue in the other Orders as he has in former years. In the report this year he gives North Carolina nearly a page of kindly notice and makes an extract from the address of Companion Neave, and says that the veteran reviewer—meaning this writer—presents one of his pleasing reviews.

We thank him for his kindly words and hope for our early restoration to health and strength.

Companion William Frank March, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Albert K. Wilson, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

81ST ANNUAL. LOUISVILLE. OCTOBER 19TH, 1908.

A good picture of M. Ill. Grand Master John T. Kincaid adorns the initial page of this pamphlet.

All of the Grand Officers were present with twenty Past Grand Masters,* (we do not understand the asterisks used in front of these names), and delegates from twenty-one Chartered Councils and three U. D.

The address of the Grand Master (8pp) is printed in small type and has very much matter pertaining to Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky. He says in the beginning "that while our dear old State has been agitated by political and social strife, I am glad to say that in our noble Order all has been peaceful, and harmony and brotherly love prevail through all branches of Masonry." He says that death had not invaded the ranks of the Grand Council this year, yet many had been called from the Subordinate Councils and the Committee on Necrology will give their names due consideration.

He states that he had made no strenuous effort to organize a great number of new Councils, but made an earnest effort to arouse the existing ones to new life and energy. He says that Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky is in a healthy condition. Some of the Councils lack interest when others are at work and prosperous. No Decisions had been made. Three new Councils were started U. D.—one at Louisville, one at Richmond and one at

Central City. He had visited three Councils during the year and he had attended the meetings of his own Council regularly. He regrets that the distances to be traveled and the affairs of life prevented him from visiting more of the Councils. He was received with cordial and fraternal greeting at each one visited and enjoyed their hospitality and brotherly love. He thinks that close relation should be maintained between the Capitular and Cryptic Bodies. He alludes to the intimate relations between the two bodies in Texas and recommends that such as that be done in Kentucky.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$760.14. There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion William E. Board, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Henry B. Grant, V. Ill. Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

54TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

MAY 6TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers were present, with eleven Past Grand Masters. Grand Representatives of twenty-five States (Companion Charles E. Meserve representing North Carolina), and delegates from sixteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (9pp) gives a very good idea of what is doing in Maine in the Cryptic Rite. He says that peace and harmony have prevailed in the Jurisdiction the entire year, but very few questions were presented which required extended consideration; their relations with other Jurisdictions are of the most pleasant nature, no cloud obscuring the horizon of fraternal intercourse and good fellowship. No subject has been brought to his notice requiring official decision, and in

most of the Councils the work has been active and the membership quite largely increased. Still he says the fact remains that Cryptic Masonry is not as strong as its importance would seem to demand, and diligent, zealous work is needed to carry it to the advanced position to which it is entitled.

He says that while the official rank has not been broken many a faithful one in the Subordinate Councils has passed the great divide and left mourning friends and records of useful lives in their respective communities. He then proceeds to give the official dead of other Jurisdictions.

Twelve Councils obtained Dispensations to receive and ballot on applications at special assemblies and he thinks the number is much less than usual; he observes that Councils are doing their work at stated assemblies, which is a move in the right direction. He did much in the way of visiting and soon after his installation into office on May 15th, he made a visit to Westbrook Council No. 15, having received notice of work that evening. Quite a number of Councils were visited and the same encouraged and assistance given in conferring the Degrees. He states that from inspection of all the Councils of Maine and from other reports he had found but one weak spot, viz: St. Croix Council No. 10, at Calais, where there seems to be a lack of interest, no meetings having been held since 1905, except when an inspecting officer was present. He calls attention to the rehabilitation of the Grand Council of Texas and congratulates this Grand Council and extends to it cordial and fraternal greetings. The Deputy Grand Master and Principal Conductor of the Work both did valiant service in visiting the Councils and instructing them in the work.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$930.47. The proceedings were mostly of local character.

The Report on Correspondence (29pp) is submitted by Companion Albro E. Chase, who for several years has been the tried and faithful writer of these reports. He gives North Carolina for 1907 a part of one page. He quotes from Grand Master Neave's address what he had to say about the condition of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina and gives our remark concerning Christmas Observance. He says we are opposed to granting Dispensation to ballot for Degrees at special meetings. If permissible at all, Companion, it would be in the Council, where we seem to give more liberty than in any of the Orders.

Companion Convers E. Leach, M. Ill. Grand Master.
Companion Stephen Berry, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

35TH ANNUAL. BALTIMORE. NOVEMBER 18TH, 1908.

We find that three of the Grand Officers of the Grand Council, viz: the Principal Conductor of the Work, who died in September, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Sentinel, were absent. There were present nine Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty States (Companion J. J. Foble representing North Carolina), and delegates of thirteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master, though brief, gives much to throw light upon the Cryptic Rite in Maryland. He states in the beginning that it was gratifying to report that harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction, not a discordant note anywhere, and the relations with other Jurisdictions were most cordial. He regretted to announce with sorrow that two Companions had been called from labor in the vaults below to a glorious com-

panionship in that above, to wit: Companion James W. Bowers, Past M. Ill. Grand Master, and Grand Recorder, who after having written up and placed in the printer's hands the proceedings of their last Annual Assembly, had passed away to his reward. In addition to this Companion Charles McDonald, Jr., Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, was called away. These beloved Companions will be greatly missed in this Jurisdiction. The distinguished dead in other Jurisdictions were noted and referred to the Committee on Necrology.

He states that every Council in the Jurisdiction had been visited by him during the year and most of them had work. As the Grand Council at the last annual assembly advocated the Super-Excellent Degree as a part of the curriculum of the Rite, he had furnished the Subordinate Councils full information as to the Ritual. We have not introduced this feature in our Grand Council yet, and we might state we would probably do better to perfect those we have before we take up any more in addition.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$375.25, and the Acting Recorder gives the financial state of affairs in his office.

The Committee on Correspondence notes the receipt and examination of the proceedings of several Grand Councils, and gives a general idea of the Rite in all the States, and some general remarks; copies Companion Warvelle's remarks on the German Tradition and French Tradition; then notes the re-organization of the Grand Council of Texas, and thus closes the report.

Companion George Dukehart, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Gustav A. Eitel, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

82ND ANNUAL. BOSTON. SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1907.

All the Grand Officers were present, with four Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-five States (Companion James B. Garner representing North Carolina), and delegates from eighteen Subordinate Councils, and five represented by proxy.

A distinguished visitor was introduced—

“The Most Illustrious Grand Master announced the presence of Most Illustrious J. Albert Blake, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, and appointed a committee consisting of Most Illustrious Forrest E. Barker and the Thrice Illustrious Masters of Councils present, to escort him into the Assembly. The committee having discharged the duty assigned it, Most Illustrious Companion Blake was received and welcomed with the honors due his exalted station.”

The address of the Grand Master (15pp) is a polished paper, well written, and states in a very clear and succinct manner the work accomplished in his office during the year. He states that “many additions have been made to the Companionship of our Councils and a quiet, harmonious, prosperous, helpful year has gone on record, completing eighty-two years of Cryptic energy in our Commonwealth.” He states it has been “a year of growth, of normal development, of increasing earnestness and zeal, of broadened appreciation of the grandeur and dignity of the Rite, of manly service—Companion for Companion—for the realization of the ideal in the everyday life.” He says the total affiliation for the year is four hundred and seventy-nine, and the net gain in members is one hundred and seventy, and that the membership now stands at seven thousand two hundred and eighty-nine.

He notes that the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill James Itley, M. D., passed from earth on the 15th of March. He says his death was a sad blow to all and his close association in the Grand Council work made it a severe loss. His sunny, earnest, manly presence was an inspiration at their assemblies; his counsel and judgment were of greatest value. On February 22nd, R. Ill James Taylor, Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work was called to his reward. A committee had been appointed to prepare memorials of beloved Companions in other Jurisdictions.

The assignments for annual official visitations to the Subordinate Councils were divided between the first three Grand Officers, and owing to the death of the Deputy Grand Master a re-arrangement of the schedule was necessary, so that the Principal Conductor of the Work took charge of the Councils that were assigned to the Deputy Grand Master. He says the condition of the Councils as revealed by the careful inspection of the visiting Grand Officers is highly satisfactory. He says the Grand Officers, and their suites as well, were shown the greatest loyalty wherever they went.

Under Constitutional provision he granted six Dispensations to the same number of Councils to ballot on petitions within one month of the prior assembly. He thinks they have made gain in this respect, as last year there were eleven Dispensations to Councils for that purpose.

He recommends the preparation of a Travelling card to be furnished Council members and it was referred to the Grand Recorder.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$2,221.86.

The Report on Correspondence (81pp) is the work

of Companion J. Gilman Waite, who is well known and greatly beloved by this writer for his genial disposition and kindnesses in many instances to us personally. He is well known as a writer of Reports on Correspondence, having been engaged in this work in several of the Orders. In this report he assigns to North Carolina one and a half pages of kindly review in which he gives several points of interest in our proceedings, and among others he alludes to the statement of our Grand Master concerning the utility of the sheltering arm of the Grand Encampment for the uplift of the membership in the Cryptic Rite. He differs from our Companion in the position he takes, for he says with practically but twenty per cent. of the Royal Arch Masons of his Jurisdiction now affiliated in the Council, there is a large field for the officers of Councils to labor in for advancement in the Jurisdiction. We thank the Companion for his kindly sympathy in our sickness last year; he regrets that Massachusetts was absent from our report, and so are we. We remember this genial Companion most pleasantly and hope we will grasp his hand at Savannah in November.

Companion Edwin S. Crandon, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion J. Gilman Waite, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

50TH ANNUAL.

DETROIT.

MAY 18TH, 1908.

The Grand Master, M. Ill. Companion Frank O. Gilbert, sedate, well balanced, and with appearance of great decision of character, occupies the initial page of this pamphlet.

- All the Grand Officers are reported present, with eighteen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of

twenty-five States (Companion Travers Phillips representing North Carolina), and delegates from one hundred and four Subordinate Councils, only one Chartered Council and one U. D. being absent.

The address of the Grand Master (7pp) makes good reading and under the circumstances, it being the fiftieth anniversary, the semi-centennial meeting of this Grand Council, makes it very interesting.

He is pleased to note that no member of the Grand Council had passed away during the year, and proceeds at once to give a list of the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions.

He issued the usual amount of Dispensations for various purposes, but all probably within the law. He made five official visits to Subordinate Councils with the usual good results to the Craft.

The Masonic Home is an institution greatly beloved and valued in this Jurisdiction. It is well kept, well arranged and managed, and the Grand Master recommends that the full measure of their devotion be given and that they will grant substantial aid to its maintenance.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$3,107.64.

Grand Recorder Conover, who is well known all over this country as one of the best of his class, gives a full report of the state of the Rite in Michigan. He gives a total membership of six thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and a net gain for the year of three hundred and sixty-eight. In this Jurisdiction they allow Emeritus members—that is, men who have reached the age of seventy years and who have paid dues regularly are then exempted from the payment of dues. We like this plan and think it would be well to introduce it everywhere. In our Lodge when a member becomes ineffi-

cient we try to help him by passing him up to the retired list by charging him only a small proportion of his dues, just enough to satisfy the per capita tax of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lecturer's report makes interesting reading and he shows that much advancement has been made in his line of work.

A letter was received from Companion Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, who was the Past Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and owing to his illness he was unable to be present at this assembly, and shortly after the adjournment our beloved Companion passed to his reward. Full notice has been made in other reports concerning this distinguished and much beloved Companion.

Companion Conover read a special report from the Correspondence Committee relative to the new Grand Council of Texas and the same was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, with recommendation that this Grand Council be recognized and fraternal relations established.

Much of the pamphlet is taken up with a history of the various years of Cryptic Rite in the State of Michigan. It makes good reading and we only regret that we have not space to make large extracts from this historical work.

We find in the body of the pamphlet very good portraits of the Past Grand Masters of other years who have served their generation and fallen asleep. No better way can be found to preserve the features of these worthies who spent their lives in Masonic endeavor.

The Report on Correspondence (87pp) is presented by our good friend and Companion Charles A. Conover, who is also Grand Recorder, who has for many years

been preparing these good reports which make the very best reading and are well worth perusal. He reviews this year the proceedings of thirty-four States in his usual bright and interesting manner, only he will persist in using the scissors and we think to the disadvantage of his reports. He gives North Carolina for 1907 about one and a half pages, and of this amount nearly half is extracts from Grand Master Neave's address. He refers to meeting this writer at Boston and states that we carried off the palm for size and weight at the meeting of the Guild. He is pleased with our report and we thank the Companion for kindly words. We hope to meet again some day.

Companion Charles H. Patterson, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Charles A. Conover, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

53RD ANNUAL. HATTIESBURG. FEBY. 17TH, 1908.

A fine looking man occupies the initial page of the pamphlet, and looks like he would enjoy eating three meals a day if he could get them and would not object to mixing camel's milk with his food, from the button he wears.

All the Grand Officers were present, with one Past Grand Master, Grand Representatives of twenty-two States (Companion Samuel I. Solomon representing North Carolina), and delegates of thirty-two Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master, only three pages,

is very compactly written and gives a good synopsis of the work done. The physical condition of the Grand Master, coupled with other unfavorable circumstances, made it impossible for him to visit the Councils and he was unable to divide the State into districts, and he hopes his successor will be more successful. He thinks however that the Councils ought to be able to thrive without assistance, and could if possessed with proper zeal. He recommends that the nine arch plan be tried if suitable Companion can be found who will accept service in each arch.

The Council at Jackson was revived with thirteen additions, and at Collins with seven additions, and at Gloster with ten additions.

He reports that the Death Angel has taken from their midst the Grand Marshal, Companion J. A. Thompson, and he gives a list of the distinguished dead in other States; he thus sums up all by saying "and thus we are gathering homeward, one by one, and the ties of Companionship, be they ever so closely knit, are being severed, but why should we repine—it is God's plan."

The Grand Recorder, Companion Frederick Speed, gives a very full account of affairs in his office. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$1,504.25. Wonderful to say, with Companion Frederick Speed alive and in good health, that there is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion Oliver Lee McKay, M Ill. Grand Master.
Companion Frederick Speed, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

43RD ANNUAL. SPRINGFIELD. APRIL 28TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Treasurer were present, with six Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of thirteen States (Companion Henry Schroeder representing North Carolina), and delegates from eleven Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (5pp) seems to be enough to give a good idea of what was done, and we presume that his work was not very onerous. He says in the beginning that "we can congratulate ourselves that peace and harmony continue to prevail among the Craft and that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. The net increase in membership is greater than ever before." The financial receipts are the greatest in their history, and every Subordinate Council in the State has made returns to the Grand Recorder. He records with profound grief that the Grand Treasurer, Companion Noah M. Givan, had been stricken down in the performance of duty, and again they were called to mourn the loss of Past Grand Master William R. Stubblefield. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1876, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1877, and in 1880 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. He also calls attention to the death of another Companion, who has been well known throughout this country for many years, for he was Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri for twenty-six years. We refer to Companion Past Grand Recorder William H. Mayo.

Six Councils were visited and the Companions were encouraged and assisted as they can be in no other way than by the close touch of the Grand Master.

He issued Dispensations to all Councils whenever requested to do so, authorizing them to receive petitions, ballot and confer Degrees at stated or special assemblies. He seems to have been after making numbers, even at the expense of loose methods.

One new Council was started U. D. at Centralia, and he went in person to set them to work.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$2,526.86. The Grand Recorder gives the number of members at one thousand six hundred and eighty-three, which is a net gain of two hundred and three for the year, and gives three or four pages of statistics, which state in a very clear manner the financial condition of the Jurisdiction. Some local business was transacted. They are proud of the success of the Masonic Home for the support of old Masons, the widows of deceased brethren and their orphan children. This is quite an institution in Missouri and well worthy of the love and assistance of all Masons.

The Committee on Necrology gives a full report, State by State, of those who have died in other Jurisdictions.

In the body of the pamphlet we find a very fine portrait of Companion John R. Parson, a Past Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence (61pp) is by the ever clever and erudite writer, Grand Recorder Robert F. Stevenson. He has done some fine pen work in this report, and uses the scissors very sparingly. He twits Companion Neave for calling from the grave like the Witch of Endor, "Poor old prerequisite" to excuse the poor showing of the Cryptic Rite. Why, Companion, a drowning man will catch at a straw, and if we can get anything to help us out of our state of despondency and

gloom why we must take advantage of it. May be this Grand Master is not conversant with the new deck of cards, and surely we are not acquainted with the nigger shooting craps that he alludes to. We thank the Companion for his sympathy in our weakness and pain alluded to while writing our last report, and we hope to see him in Savannah in November.

Companion Thomas A. Milburn, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Robert F. Stevenson, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

29TH ANNUAL. OMAHA. DEC. 16TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers were present, with six Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of fourteen States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from thirteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master, though short, gives us much information concerning the Cryptic Rite in Nebraska during his administration. He states that the Grand Council mourns the death of M. Ill. Companion Henry A. Turton, who passed away very recently. He then refers at once to the dead of other Jurisdictions.

Representatives were appointed to and from several States. The usual number of Dispensations to facilitate work in the Councils. Two new Councils were constituted and the officers installed and one new Council was started U. D. Two Councils were visited during the year. His professional duties were very confining and all the plans for visitation were upset. He recommends that the Grand Council welcome the Grand Council of Texas and fraternal relations be established.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$914.11, and the Grand Recorder reports a total membership of one thousand three hundred and ninety-six, which is a net gain for the year of one hundred and eighty-six. One Council was declared extinct in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence (21pp) was presented by Companion Charles J. Phelps, and owing to the lateness of the time at which he was requested to make this report he makes excuses for its brevity; still he reviews the proceedings in a most creditable manner and shows by his first experience that he will make a promising and valuable assistant to the corps of Correspondents. We welcome him to the Guild and wish him much success in his work. We hope he will do a little better for North Carolina next time than one half page, still we do not give very much to be written about, as we are a small potato and a few in the hill at that. He says we are an old time reviewer, and we are. We thank the Companion for his kind notice of our report.

Companion Frederick J. Schaufelberger, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Francis E. White, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

47TH ANNUAL. CONCORD. MAY 18TH, 1908.

We have a good picture of M. Ill. Grand Master Fred E. French on the initial page of this ever neat pamphlet. All Grand Officers were present, with twelve Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty States (Companion Albert R. Junkins representing North Carolina), and delegates from thirteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master gives us six pages of very interesting reading concerning the Cryptic Rite in the Granite State. He begins by saying that the year has been marked by nothing unusual, and no matter has been brought to his attention that required an official Decision. The Councils, with but few exceptions, are active and prosperous, the increase in membership being greater than for many years, and the outlook for the future was never brighter than to-day. That was a good report. Only one member of the Grand Council had passed away during the year, and that was Companion George Henry Allen, who died at Manchester, March 24th, 1908.

He made assignment to the Officers for visitation and their reports show that they did the work assigned them. One man had found much to commend and very little to criticize. This is a good report of itself.

The Grand Master did much to assist and encourage the members and he reports prosperity and good will among the Councils.

Dispensations were granted to two Councils allowing them to hold meetings in other halls than their own. The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work both submit reports of their visitations and the good that they accomplished, which was very great.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$574.06.

The Committee on Jurisprudence had no questions submitted for their consideration and they therefore presume that harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

The report on Councils and Returns gives the following information—that the membership in 1908 amounted to two thousand and sixty-nine and the increase in members was one hundred and five.

The Report on Correspondence (66pp) is submitted

by Companion J. E. Robins, who writes freely, forcibly and clearly. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Jurisdictions, and gives North Carolina for 1907 one full page. He says that our Companion Neave puts in a dignified appearance on the front page. Well, he is usually dignified, Companion, to a degree, and he is a good, solid, old fashioned man, and as genial a Mason as you will find in a year's travel. He notes his ideas on the Prerequisite question, and says that "compulsory membership, like enforced marriage, is not likely to yield sweet results," in which we concur. He recommends to us the Super Excellent Degree. Don't you think, Companion, we had better work the two that we have before we take up a third? If we cultivate our two acres well and make them very productive we can then take up the third. We thank the Companion for kindly notice of our work and will hope to hear from him again.

Companion Edward O. Fifield, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Frank D. Woodbury, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

50TH ANNUAL. TRENTON. APRIL 21ST, 1908.

A very fine picture of a right good looking fellow is on the initial page of the pamphlet. His hair seems to need brushing, but we presume it is the natural state—curly. It must have been ruffled when he was going over the hot sands of the desert and jostling up against the wild Arabs and other rough ways in his journey.

All the Grand Officers were present, with fifteen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-one States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from eight Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (6pp) is a well written paper and treats in a very intelligent manner his work during the year. He stated at the last Assembly that it was his desire to visit every Council in the Jurisdiction and he is very glad to be able to report that he had done so. Good. He had no distinguished dead to report in his own Jurisdiction, and he proceeded at once to give a list of those who have passed away in other States. He then gives by name the loss in each Subordinate Council, and recommends that Memorial pages be set aside in their honor. He gives an account of the visits to each Council and the good resulting therefrom. On nearly every visit the dinner or banquet was in evidence. One Council started U. D. The usual Dispensations were granted to receive petitions and ballot out of time.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$319.96 and the Grand Recorder reports the total membership at seven hundred and seventy-eight, which is a gain of fifty-six. New Jersey will have to tip up or the old Rip Van Winkle State of North Carolina will catch up with her. A portrait of M. P. Grand Master James Neilson for 1908-09 is found within the pamphlet. He seems to be a young man and we trust will do valiant service for the Cryptic Rite during the coming year.

Report on Correspondence (23pp) is submitted by Companion Hiram E. Deats. It is a very brief but succinct review of twenty-five States, and we are sorry to note that North Carolina is not one of these. We hope to get there next time.

Companion James Neilson, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Hiram E. Deats, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

99TH ANNUAL. ROCHESTER. AUGUST 25TH, 1908.

We have two portraits at the opening of the pamphlet, viz: M. Ill. Companion William H. Andrews, who makes a good picture, and also M. Ill. Companion C. T. Lunt, Grand Recorder, who has a fine face and a cultivated moustache.

All the Grand Officers were present, with eleven Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of fourteen States (North Carolina missing), and delegates of twenty-two Subordinate Councils.

Letters of regret expressing inability to be present were received from quite a number. Several visitors were received and invited to seats in the Council.

The address of the Grand Master (77pp) is the chief feature of the pamphlet and it would seem that he had quite a strenuous year of it. He says that the past year has been a season of prosperity in Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction; large increase in the members and material fortunes of almost all of the Subordinate Councils, and of harmonious and united effort to extend a knowledge of inestimable value to every Mason of our Degree.

He calls attention with regret to the death of M. Ill. Companion George Van Vliet, who died November 1st, 1907. He leaves a memory which will ever be cherished, but a gap in their ranks which time alone can efface. For very many years he had been the valiant servant of the Grand Council as Grand Recorder, and while he served, twenty-three Grand Masters have come into office and retired. To each of them he was a wise counsellor, the faithful adviser, the true friend.

Much of the address is devoted to the subject of

Necrology and the various States were called up in order and the names of their dead recited. Owing to severe illness during the winter he was compelled to decline several invitations, still quite a large number of Councils were visited with the usual good results, and what he could not do he assigned to others for attention.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$668.35. In addition to this he says that he had in his possession a bank book of the East River Savings Institution of N. Y. City, showing a balance of \$2,297.15, and a bank book of Irving Savings Institution of New York City, showing a balance of \$1,061.20, so that the assets of this Grand Council may be put down at \$4,026.70. The Grand Recorder reports a membership of five thousand and sixty-three, which is a net gain of three hundred and fifty-one.

The Report on Correspondence seems to have been submitted by a committee of three, composed of Companions John W. Coburn, George B. Cathers and Guy W. Shoemaker. They may have divided the work but it does not appear to tell who reviewed the different States. We are sorry to see however, that North Carolina did not arrive in time to receive notice at the hands of this Committee. They have done a nice lot of pen work, eschewing scissors, and the report is most readable and interesting.

Companion Frank M. Adee, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Charles T. Lunt, Ill. Grand Recorder.

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OHIO.

79TH ANNUAL. CLEVELAND. OCTOBER 6TH, 1908.

We find on the initial page of this superb pamphlet a well executed portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master M. B. Dickerson, who, from the button he wears, must be a

child of the desert. A lengthy but elegant address of welcome to the Grand Council was delivered by Ill. Companion Isaac Morris, of Cleveland Council No. 36, which was responded to in fitting terms by Past Grand Master Nelson Williams.

All the Grand Officers were present, with seventeen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of thirty States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from thirty-seven Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (17pp) is written in clear, succinct style, and shows that a large amount of work was done in this flourishing Jurisdiction during the year; he says "that a harmonious, prosperous, helpful year has gone on record, completing seventy-eight years of Cryptic energy in this Grand Jurisdiction." He reports that the total affiliation for the year amounted to one thousand two hundred and eight, and the net gain in membership is eight hundred and fifty-five, and while this is less than in 1906 and in 1907, the result is very gratifying considering the financial condition of the country during the year. He calls attention to the death of R. Ill. Companion Robert V. Hampson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, and his portrait is upon the page opposite the notice. Memorial addresses were delivered and he was given a character worthy of emulation. He says that one hundred and thirty-three Companions have passed away in the Subordinate Councils during the year and he recommends that memorial pages be set apart for the fraternal dead of their own and other Jurisdictions.

He has this to say of the Report on Foreign Correspondence:

"I suspect that the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is read by less than a half dozen of the Companions of each Subordinate Council. This is not as it should

be because the report is not only interesting but very instructive, and in no way can a Select Master better keep in touch with Cryptic Masonry in the world than by reading this report. I recommend it to Masters and request them to recommend it to the Companions."

Two Councils were constituted and the officers installed by the Grand Master in person. He believes in inspections and thinks that they not only act as an incentive to officers to perfect themselves in the work, but it arouses enthusiasm and brings out the Companions to witness the work and hear what the Inspector has to say. He divided the State into nine arches, and commissioned a Companion to visit the Councils in each arch; their reports show that good work was done and a great advancement made in the work.

Several Dispensations were granted for the usual purposes. He was not called on to render any Decisions. He says that during the year he received many invitations to visit Councils but he regrets that he was unable to accept but very few. Wherever he went he was received with all the honors due the Grand Master. He pronounced the Grand Council of Ohio as the largest in the world, and they are looking forward with great anticipation to an acknowledgement of this fact in the election of some officer to the General Grand Council which will convene during the year.

He received an invitation to attend the dedication of a new Masonic Temple at Dayton and he was represented by proxy.

The Grand Recorder states that he submits to the Grand Council his sixteenth report, and he is glad to give the news that it has been a prosperous year and then gives much valuable statistics. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$7,016.00.

While boasting of being the largest Grand Council in the world they find themselves second in point of membership with the Grand Council of Texas, which has been slumbering lo! these many years, leading them with a membership of twelve thousand five hundred and eighty, and two hundred and fifteen Subordinate Councils.

The Report on Correspondence (90pp) is presented by Companion Nelson Williams, M. W. P. Grand Master F. & A. M., M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest R. A. M., and M. Ill. Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Ohio. This leader and valued Companion has given us a most admirable report, which is a review of thirty-two States. All pen work, no scissors to be found anywhere, and among the States reviewed we find that he has given North Carolina fraternal notice for two years, 1907-08. He calls the "prerequisite idea" a false and foolish notion and wonders if it will never die out. We thank the Companion for his kind review of the proceedings for two years and also his remarks on our reports. He wants to know what we are going to do with the \$15.00 appropriated for the Report on Correspondence. Why, Companion, that will buy us a good many tricks and lots of candy for the children.

Companion Warren J. Baker, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion William E. Evans, Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

23RD ANNUAL. PORTLAND. APRIL 8TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers were present, with seven Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twelve States (North Carolina missing), and delegates of five Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master was brief, though

a correct and interesting account of the work done. While rejoicing at meeting the friends and Companions at the Grand Assembly, they are saddened by a notice giving the death of Companion Octavus A. Dearing, Past Ill. Grand Master, who died during the year. He has many good things to say about Companion Dearing and occupies nearly a page of the address with an eulogy upon his life and character. He says that outside of his own he had been unable to pay a single official visit to any Council in the State, and said it was not due to any degree of indifference but solely to the inexorable demands of an exacting employment.

He gave five special Dispensations for good and sufficient reasons to facilitate work in the Subordinate Councils. He says that although one of the Councils had fallen by the way, the general condition of Cryptic Masonry in the State is encouraging. He thinks that the report of the Grand Recorder will give facts and figures. He gives some interesting reasons why the Cryptic Rite should be kept alive and Cryptic Masonry be made to forge to the front. Among the various plans for encouraging an interest in the Cryptic Degrees is the practice of eating and drinking together as often as possible. He thinks it will be productive of much good if it were an unwritten law—a rule recognized by all concerned—that Councils should never meet without serving refreshments of some kind. If the funds of the Council will not admit of this, collections should be taken up for the purpose. This idea is a good one provided the men do not take too much interest in going after the loaves and fishes, for we find in our home Orders that it is very easy to spoil a man by giving frequent suppers, and many of them ask what will you have to eat when a meeting of the Order is called. We are very apt to err on one side or the other of this habit,

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$443.90.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion George O'B. DeBar, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Seth L. Pope, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

62ND ANNUAL. SCRANTON. JANU. 21st, 1908.

A well executed portrait of the M. P. Grand Master, Companion Carl A. Sundstrom, adorns the initial page of this neat pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers were present, with ten Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twelve States (North Carolina missing), and the delegates of eighteen Subordinate Councils. Several letters were received expressing regret that the several Companions could not be present at this Assembly.

The address of the Grand Master (13pp) is a very well written paper and treats of a vast amount of work accomplished. He says that the Subordinate Councils with but few exceptions have been prosperous, and "the inexorable tyrant" has not invaded the official family. He states that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction and the relations with other Jurisdictions are of the most cordial and fraternal character. He gives the illustrious dead of other States and the list seems to be a long one.

He granted Dispensations to several Councils to act upon petitions for Degrees without waiting the usual time. He visited twenty Subordinate Councils accompanied by various Grand Officers. He gives an itemized statement of each visit and shows what each was doing.

He says:

"On two occasions I have exercised the prerogative of a Most Puissant Grand Master by making Cryptic Masons at sight. In doing this, I was prompted by personal friendship and the high standing and personal worth of the Companions selected as candidates for the honor conferred. This prerogative has not been exercised since 1897, and was renewed by me in order to keep the custom before the eyes of the Craft, lest it fall into decay by reason of disuse."

His reason for doing this unusual work does not seem to us to be exactly consistent. If it is wrong it should go into "innocuous desuetude."

He had a petition for a new Council, but after much correspondence the requirements had not yet been complied with. A few local Decisions were made.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$2,569.24. Companion Frank W. Martenis, the Grand Recorder, gives a faithful report of his work and makes the total membership four thousand two hundred and twenty, which is a net gain of four hundred and six for the year.

The Report on Correspondence (59pp) is submitted by Companion Frank W. Martenis, also Grand Recorder, who writes in bold style and reviews in an able manner the proceedings of thirty-five States, but lo! how he does love the scissors. He calls them into requisition most all the time, and if you take the scissors out of the report the skeleton will be slim. He gives some quotations from the proceedings of North Carolina for 1907. Quotes from the address of Grand Master Neave and also from our Report on Correspondence he gives a few extracts. He thinks that there is too much alphabet in our proceedings—that we should not say J. Smith but John Smith. He must get after Companion Munds, who does not require the Recorders to give the names in full of the various members. Recorders are not so fond of

writing out a name when an initial can be made to answer the purpose.

Companion John Henry Lape, M. P. Grand Master.

Companion Frank W. Martenis, R. P. Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

49TH ANNUAL. CHARLESTON. FEBY. 11TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers were present, with delegates from five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master gives a short account of his work and seems not to have had very much to do. He is happy however, to say that the official ranks show no vacancy by death, but recounts quite a number in the sister Jurisdictions who have been called to pass to the great beyond, and he gives the list in full.

Some few appointments were made for Grand Representatives to and from other States.

Quite a number of Dispensations were granted to receive petitions, ballot upon them and confer Degrees at special Assemblies. He had hoped to report the constitution of a Council at Greenwood but had been disappointed. He expected in the near future to see a flourishing Council there. No questions had been submitted requiring a ruling and of the state of the Order he says that peace and harmony seem to have characterized the Craft during the past year, and he is constrained to look for better days for Cryptic Masonry in the near future.

He calls attention to the fact that the next Assembly will be the fiftieth, and he recommends that the matter of celebration be put in the hands of a special committee to prepare a suitable program for the occasion.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of

\$1.76. We recommend that the Grand Treasurer hand around the hat and take up a collection.

We note that M. Ill. Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., of North Carolina, was introduced, received and welcomed with the honors due his rank. Companion Andrews has a liking for South Carolina and runs down to the Grand meetings whenever he takes a notion.

The Report on Correspondence (29pp) is from the pen of Companion Zimmerman Davis, who is also Grand Recorder. It is a very able review of the various Grand Bodies submitted for attention and we find that North Carolina for 1907 comes in for nearly half a page, but in this he tells a great deal about what was done at our meeting in Greensboro, and corrects us by saying that we put his report down as twenty pages when he thought it was twenty-seven, and he also thought it was long enough. Once a fellow was told that his coat tail was too short, and he remarked he guessed it would be long enough before he got another one, and perhaps Companion Davis thought his report was long enough at twenty-seven pages, and if he is willing we are.

Companion George T. Bryan, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Zimmerman Davis, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

TEXAS.

2ND ANNUAL.

WACO.

NOV. 30TH, 1908.

We have a portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master Robert M. Elgin on the initial page of this neat pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers were present, with seven Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of nine States (North Carolina missing), and delegates of one hundred Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (10pp) is a very creditable paper, written in the finest style of English, and recounts very much that was done in this large and comparatively young Jurisdiction.

He states that it is a great pleasure to announce that the work of a year ago has proved to be not only wise, but successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. He says they stand to-day as the peer of any Grand Council in the land, and enjoy the proud distinction of exceeding in membership any other Grand Body of the Cryptic Rite, and in counting their numbers a larger percentage of Royal Arch Masons than any other Jurisdiction. He is also pleased to announce that they are at peace with all the world, and that a number of Grand Councils have extended the glad hand of welcome and requested an exchange of Representatives without waiting the Assembly of the Grand Councils, and he says he presumed upon the theory that the Grand Council of Texas was not a new-born babe, but hoary with age, and gray in years, had but awakened from a Rip Van Winkle sleep.

At the last Grand Council charters were granted for ten Councils, all of which had been duly and regularly constituted by worthy Companions, and same had been put to work. Eleven new Councils were started U. D.

Several special Dispensations were granted for various purposes. Some few Decisions but of local character. So far as he has been able to learn through correspondence and reports of certain officers, the Councils throughout the Jurisdiction are as a rule in excellent condition. The re-organization of the Grand Council had awakened new interest in the Council Degrees and the officers and members seem to feel that there is something more in Cryptic Masonry than the mere conferring of the Degrees

as a duty, or because a Companion is entitled to them.

He alludes to two Masonic Homes that are supported in Texas, one by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and the other by the Grand Lodge, and he recommends that they be supported as liberally as they can.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,251.50, and the Grand Recorder's report gives the financial statement of the work in his office during the year.

We note in the body of the pamphlet two portraits, one of Companion John L. Terrell, Past M. Ill. Grand Master, and the other of Companion Charles F. Smith, M. Ill. Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence is a general review of the field of Cryptic Masonry by Companion T. L. Stanfield, Chairman. He notes that peace and harmony prevail everywhere throughout the Cryptic world and notes that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals have nothing to do, and he tells "What Others Say of the Grand Council of Texas." Under this head he reports Companion Conover of Massachusetts, but we think he intended to say of Michigan. He has something to say about Dependent Membership and the dividing of States into nine arches for inspection purposes, and then gives some remarks about the social features. He sums up the most important doings and views in the proceedings reviewed, and does a good work in boiling down and thus putting it in short compass, but we prefer the usual order.

Companion Charles F. Smith, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion John A. Bryan, Ill. Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

55TH ANNUAL. BURLINGTON. JUNE 9TH, 1908.

A very fine looking portrait of Companion David A. Elliott, Grand Master, adorns the initial page of this pamphlet; from the button on the lapel of his coat we would say he had been traveling the hot sands of the desert. He looks like he would make a good hand at the rope.

All the Grand Officers were present, with eight Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of eighteen States, (with Companion Harley T. Seaver representing North Carolina), and delegates from sixteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master, though short, gives in very succinct form the workings of his office. He says their official rank remains unbroken, yet he calls attention to the dead in his own and other Jurisdictions, and refers the same to the Committee on Necrology.

Assignments were made for official visitations and inspection of various Councils among the Grand Officers, and he says their reports are very satisfactory and much good was accomplished. He visited several Councils personally and was well received. He saw the conferring of Degrees in several instances and thinks the work was well rendered.

He had issued a number of Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time. No questions had been submitted for his attention. He states that so far as he could learn, peace and harmony prevailed in all the Councils. He thinks that the beautiful Degrees of the Cryptic Rite deserve better treatment at the hands of the Companions and that regular assemblies should be held, and by so doing we will very materially increase the interest.

The reports of the Inspectors show that they had been diligent in business, fervent in spirit, and that they accomplished much good. The Grand Recorder reports a total membership of one thousand three hundred and fifty-two. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$1,301.53.

The Report on Correspondence (57pp) is submitted by Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins, which is first class in every particular, even in his use of the scissors, because he selects with judgment the very best from each report. He gives North Carolina not quite a page this time, and he notes that the Representative of Vermont failed to make an appearance. That is the fault in very many instances, Companion, and we find in looking over the various proceedings of Chapters, Commanderies and Councils that North Carolina is so frequently unrepresented and we regret this. It is probably the case with nearly every one of the States. He gives our Conclusion and we thank him for his kindly notice.

Companion Silas H. Danforth, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Henry H. Ross, Ill. Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

13TH ANNUAL. TACOMA. JULY 20TH, 1908.

A portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master James H. Begg adorns the initial page of this pamphlet.

All the Grand Officers except the Deputy Grand Master were present, with ten Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of twenty-one States (North Carolina missing), and delegates from seven Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (8pp) gives in a creditable manner the business transacted in his office

during the year. He states that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction and their relations with other Grand Councils are most warm and sincere. The past year had been one of unequalled activity in their beloved craft. He is satisfied that the Cryptic Rite has prospered, both materially and financially, and that all the Councils generally are in a prosperous condition.

He is sad to announce the death of Rt. Ill. Companion William M. Ross, Deputy Grand Master, who died April 16th, 1908. He also notes the death of Past M. Ill. Grand Master Dibble, who died January 28th, 1908. He came from New York but located in Washington early in 1866. He had been active in Masonry for many years. He recounts a number of Companions who had been taken from the Subordinate Councils during the year and then gives a list of the distinguished dead in other Jurisdictions.

One new Council was started U. D., and the Grand Master accompanied by several Companions visited the city of Bremerton where the Degrees were conferred on eighteen candidates. He had been able to visit every Council in the Jurisdiction during the year. Good for him. He is able to report all the Councils in fairly good condition.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$273.31. The Grand Recorder gives a membership of seven hundred and sixty-seven, being a net gain of seventy-seven.

The Report on Correspondence (32pp) is submitted by Companion Edward R. Hare, which is a very creditable and succinct review of thirty-four States. He does only pen work, and the printing is done in such type that it is easily read. We have enjoyed the perusal of the report. He gives about half a page to North Carolina

and we suppose under the circumstances it is about the best that could be done, for we give very little to work upon. We hope some day to get a little more spice into our proceedings, so that they may be more interesting. He says we review thirty-one States and the General Grand Council.

Companion Alonzo C. Bowman, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Edward R. Hare, Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

51ST ANNUAL. MILWAUKEE. FEBY. 19TH, 1908.

All the Grand Officers were present, with four Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives of eighteen States (with Companion R. B. Lang representing North Carolina), and delegates of twenty-four Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master (7pp) is a fair review of his transactions during the year. He proceeds to give the honored dead in sister Jurisdictions, and then his own Companions who have ceased their labors. He states that no death had occurred among the Grand Officers, but many losses in the Subordinates.

He granted the usual number of Dispensations to facilitate work in the Councils. One new Council was started U. D. He is glad to state that great interest has been manifested in the work of the Cryptic Rite, especially by the larger Councils where the work done is a credit to any branch of the Masonic system, but in the smaller Councils where but few meetings are held during the year, and no work done at all, it is not in a healthy condition. Two new Councils were constituted and Companions were deputed to visit them and install the officers.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$577.40.

The Report on Correspondence (55pp) is submitted by Companion Jacob Dreher, Past M. Ill. Grand Master, and is his third. It is a most admirable review of the proceedings of thirty-one States, and among these we find North Carolina for 1907 has about one and a half pages of fraternal notice. He alludes to the fine picture of Grand Master Neave in the front of the pamphlet. If Companion Neave is your Representative, Companion, you may know that the interests of Wisconsin will always be well looked after. He is a careful, honest and sincere man. We note that he gave all the items of interest in our proceedings, and calls attention to our report and quotes a few lines from our Conclusion, and copies the note of Companion Munds giving a list of the proceedings wanted of the various States. We hope the Companion will have more to say about North Carolina next time.

Companion J. E. Palmer, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Companion William M. Perry, Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

While clouds may be about the Cryptic Rite in North Carolina and gloom overshadows us, yet when we review the proceedings of such States as Ohio, Michigan, New York and many others, we take courage and realize that the sun of prosperity is shining somewhere. Let us hope and believe that ere long the light may penetrate into our secret vaults, and we may come forth into renewed life and vigor.

Yours Zealously,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,

Chairman.

STATES REVIEWED.

Alabama,	Kansas,	New Jersey,
Arkansas,	Kentucky,	New York,
California,	Maine,	Ohio,
Colorado,	Maryland,	Oregon,
Connecticut,	Massachusetts,	Pennsylvania,
Georgia,	Michigan,	South Carolina,
Illinois,	Mississippi,	Texas,
Indiana,	Missouri,	Vermont,
Indian Territory,	Nebraska,	Washington,
Iowa,	New Hampshire,	Wisconsin.

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The Thirty-Fourth Annual Assembly will be held in the
City of Salisbury, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1910.